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## HONGKONG MATTERS IN PARLIAMENT.

### Child Labour and the "Mui Tsai" System.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 21.  
In the House of Commons, Major Birchall asked whether Chinese children in Hongkong under fourteen years were permitted to work upwards of seventy hours weekly.

Sir Kingsley Wood replied that the Governor had been asked to report on the subject of child labour. There appeared at present to be no legislation. He would very carefully consider the matter when the Governor's report was received.

Further replying to Major Birchall with regard to the mui tsai system, Sir Kingsley Wood referred to the reply given on April 13 and said he was advised that "semi-slavery" was not the correct description of the position of these girls.

### EGYPT TO BE CENTRAL FLYING DEPOT.

#### Subsidy Arrangements for London-Paris Service.

London, April 21.  
In the House of Commons, introducing the Air Estimates, Capt. Guest, dealing with a sum of £167,000 for air services to Egypt, mostly for housing personnel, declared that Egypt will be the central flying depot of the East. In regard to civil aviation Capt. Guest explained that a subsidised London-Paris service will be run for seven months experimentally, the Air Council guaranteeing a profit of 10 per cent. to each of the two firms concerned. The Air Ministry would pay £75 for each single flight, provided that the maximum total did not exceed £25,000, to each firm. The arrangement provided for one flight each way daily.

### THE NAVAL HOLIDAY.

#### Tact and Judgment Needed.

London, April 21.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Lambert asked whether the Government had made representations to the United States and Japan with regard to the cessation of warship building. He declared the cost of armaments to Britain was ruinous and a burden on the country.

Mr. Lloyd George agreed that the cost of armaments all over the world was very terrifying, but such questions must be approached with a good deal of tact and judgment. If they attempted to rush it, the object in view was not likely to be achieved.

### THE IRISH PROBLEM.

#### Government Still Ready to Negotiate.

London, April 21.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Lord Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. Lloyd George reiterated that the Government was ready to meet representatives of the Irish people for the purpose of discussing any proposals offering a prospect of reconciliation and settlement, subject to reservations that the strategic unity of the Empire must be safeguarded and Ulster must not be coerced. He pointed out that so far there had been no reply to the Government's offer of safe conduct for a meeting with Dail Eireann.

### THE QUESTION OF YAP.

#### Peace of the World Britain's only Concern.

London, April 21.  
In the House of Commons, replying to questions with regard to the American-Japanese correspondence on the subject of Yap, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Government's only official news thereof was the Japanese note of February 26. Replying to Col. Wedgwood, Premier emphasised that there was no question of Anglo-American antagonism. We had no interest whatever in the matter except the general interest of the peace of the world and goodwill among all the nations concerned.

### ANGLO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENTS.

#### No Evidence of Continued Bolshevik Propaganda.

London, April 21.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Grattan Doyle, Mr. Lloyd George stated that hitherto the Government had had no reason to take exception to the manner in which the terms of the Anglo-Russian trade agreement had been carried out. There was no evidence of the continuance of Bolshevik propaganda since the agreement had been signed.

### EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO PLATE-GLASS.

#### Presumed to be Work of Sinn Fein.

London, April 21.  
An extraordinary series of window-cutting outrages has been carried out all over London in the night time, apparently by organised gangs armed with class-cutting instruments. Over a thousand plateglass windows have been damaged. Police blame Sinn Feiners.

### COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

#### Government Consulting Dominions.

London, April 21.  
Replying to Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Harmsworth stated that Government was consulting the Governments of the Dominions India with a view to the ratification of the Convention for the establishment of a Permanent Court of International Justice as soon as possible.

## MAJOR GENERAL VENTRIS.

### Received by King George.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 21.  
H. M. the King received Major General Ventris on his relinquishing the post of British Commander in China.

## DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE LABOUR MOVEMENT.

### Dissentients Raid Union Headquarters.

London, April 21.  
Trade union circles have been given a sensation owing to the rank and file of the United Vehicle Workers' Union seizing the Union's headquarters and turning out officials who are alleged to have secretly discussed matters affecting a reduction of wages.

### Raiders Threaten to Remain "Day and Night."

London, April 21.  
The Secretary of the Transport Workers has issued a statement that the raiders who took possession of the headquarters were extremists, who were incensed at the non-support of the miners' strike. Meanwhile, the raiders declare that they will remain there day and night.

### Miners Still Adhere to Their Stipulations.

London, April 22.  
At the conclusion of the meeting of the Miners' Executive it was stated that reports from the various districts indicated that the miners firmly adhered to the principle of a national wages board and a national pool of profits. No further communications have been received from the Government or the coalowners. A conference is to be held to-morrow morning in order to consider the situation.

## THE REPARATIONS QUESTION.

### Germany Requests President Harding to Arbitrate.

Berlin, April 21.  
Germany has petitioned the President of the United States to mediate in the reparations question, and undertakes to pay the Allied Powers as reparations such sum as the President, after investigation, may find just and right.

### Germany Offers to Accept President's Award Unconditionally.

Berlin, April 22.  
Despite the admitted existence of a theoretical state of war Germany has announced complete willingness to agree unconditionally and without reservations to pay the Allies any sum President Harding determines and guarantees to carry out, in the letter and in the spirit, any decisions the President lays down, "thus to avoid the incalculable consequence of the imminent measures of coercion, and to advance the peace of the world."

### Germany's Appeal Reaches America.

Washington, April 22.  
The State Department has received Germany's appeal to President Harding.

## ERIVAN IN FLAMES

### Population Fleeing from Bolsheviks.

London, April 20.  
Reuter learns that the population of Erivan is fleeing towards Zangezur, covered by Armenian troops, who are fighting a rearguard action against the Bolsheviks. A large part of Erivan is blazing. The Bolsheviks have confiscated all the possessions of the peasants, including cattle and cereals, and have executed supporters of the Armenian Government.

## INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

### Government Considering A Systematic Inquiry.

London, April 21.  
Replying to Lord Robert Cecil, the Premier said that the Government was considering the question of the desirability of some form of systematic inquiry into the causes of industrial unrest in Britain. He did not think that a Royal Commission was the best means of eliciting information concerning same.

## U.S. NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Washington, April 22.  
The Government is shortly introducing the Naval Appropriation Bill in the form approved last Session, providing a sum of \$395,000,000.

## PLAGUE AT ALEXANDRIA.

Alexandria, April 21.  
Plague has broken out here. About thirty-five cases are being reported daily. Quarantine is being imposed on vessels leaving the port.

## TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, April 22.  
The Government has intimated its willingness to sign the Sino-German Commercial Treaty and has already perused and returned the documents in connection with it.

Shanghai, April 22.  
An alliance between eight Provinces is being organised, the Provinces being those of Hupoh, Hunan, Kiangsi, Szechuen, Yunnan, Kansu, Chekiang and Fookien. It is said that the alliance is the result of overtures on the part of a certain country anxious to secure sole influence in the south part of China.

(Other Telegrams on Page 8.)

## CANTON NEWS.

### Preparations for Fighting.

It is rumoured that owing to May 1st, falling on a Sunday, the President's inauguration will now take place on April 28. There has as yet been no official announcement.

It is being stated in military circles that Kwangtung will soon be attacked by Kwongsi on the west, Kiangsi on the north and Fookien on the east. The intention of the attackers is said to be the arrest of Sun Yat-sen for his act of further partitioning the country.

A meeting of military officials was held the other day at which Chan King-ming declared that he had never had any intention of attacking Kwongsi, but as Kwongsi had taken the initiative Kwangtung forces would have to defend the Shaokung and Kockow lines. In the meantime the military would have to show no opposition to the President's election. All those present declared their loyalty.

An official report from Dusing states that the Kwongsi forces in Wuchow have greatly increased in numbers, now being about 15,000 strong. They have made Poonchuen their first line, Paksha the second and Wuchow the third. Over twenty forts have been built and as the distance between the opposing forces is only 50 li fighting is expected to break out soon.

## RABIES.

### Restrictions Regarding Dogs.

The occurrence of a case of rabies has caused the cancellation of this year's dog, cat and poultry show. An urgent *Quarantine Extraordinary* was yesterday issued by the Government, forbidding the movements of dogs from one part of the Colony or mainland to another, and the importation of such animals into the Colony until further notice.

When asked his views on the subject, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon informed us that no further cases since the one referred to above have occurred within the knowledge of the authorities. On the discovery of this particular case, every endeavour had been made to ascertain that the animal had not come into contact with any person, and orders were also given for the destruction of the litter of five puppies which this animal had given birth to before the discovery of the disease it was suffering from was made.

We understand that the Bacteriological Institute has been unable to turn out the anti-rabies serum as proposed last year following the discussion raised in the Legislative Council. Experiments had in fact been carried out, but it appears that expert knowledge is necessary in the preparation of the serum. Enquiries are started to have been addressed to Saigon for a supply from the Pasteur Institute of that port, with what result it has not yet been ascertained.

## CRICKET.

The cricket match, staff and pupils of Queen's College versus the Q.C.O.B.A., will take place on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at 2 p.m. on the Indian Recreation Club Ground at Sookunpoo Valley. The teams will be—

Queen's College:—R.E.O. Bird (Capt.), F. J. de Rome, W. Kay, E. J. Edwards, E. J. Ralston, J. S. Currie, S.A.R. Ismail, E. Nishida, A. Butt, A. H. Madar and G. A. Hyder. Reserves:—M. Y. Adal and Talok Singh.

Q.C.O.B.A.:—H. H. Taylor (Capt.), A. el Arculli, N. M. Bux, G. A. V. Hall, H. C. Hunt, S. A. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, Wong Po Keung, D. Ramjahn, A. A. Ramjahn and A. H. Ramjahn. Reserves:—F. E. A. Remedios and Douglas Leing.

## R.H.K. YACHT CLUB.

### To-morrow's Closing Cruise and Regatta.

A splendid programme has been arranged for the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's closing cruise and regatta to-morrow, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Severn is to present the prizes. The Band of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will be in attendance, whilst the Commodore and Committee will be at home to members and friends from 2.30 p.m. In the event of unfavourable weather, dancing will take place in the Club House during intervals between the events, which are as follows:—

#### SAILING EVENTS.

Cruiser Classes English and Chinese Rig (Prize for 1st in each Class).—Prep. Gun 1.55 p.m. Starting Gun 2.00 p.m. Course:—Start from Murray Pier, Cust Rock (S.) Finish Club House W. to E. Distance 1 1/4 miles. Ladies Yacht Races. Handicap Class, One Design Class, Heyward Hays and Gael Classes 1st and 2nd Prizes for each Class. Course:—Start Club Line (W. to E.) Mark Boat off Kowloon Point (P.), Cust Rock Buoy (P.), Mark Boat on Starting Line (P.) finish W. to E. Distance twice round 4 miles. Handicap Class:—Prep. Gun 2.50 p.m. Starting Gun 2.55 p.m.; One Design Class:—Prep. Gun 2.55 p.m., Starting Gun 3 p.m.; Heyward Hays and Gael Class:—Prep. Gun 3 p.m., Starting Gun 3.05 p.m.

#### ROWING EVENTS.

Event V.—3 p.m.—Inter Club Junior Fours: Distance 1 mile. Event VI.—3 p.m.—All Corners Race for Whalers, Gigs and Naval Cutters: Distance 2 miles. Event VII.—3.20 p.m.—Inter Club Senior Fours: Distance 1 mile. Event VIII.—3.40 p.m.—Ladies Race. (Post Entries): Distance 1/4 mile. Event IX.—4.00 p.m.—Inter Club Junior Pair Oars: Distance 1/4 mile. Event X.—4.20 p.m.—Scratch Fours. (Post Entries): Distance 1/4 mile. Event XI.—4.40 p.m.—Inter Club Senior Pair Oars: Distance 1/4 mile. Event XII.—5.00 p.m.—Dragon Boat Race for Naval Crews. (Post Entries): Distance 1 mile. Event XIII.—5.20 p.m.—Inter Club Tub Sculls: Distance 1/4 mile.

## DAY BY DAY.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong is to distribute the prizes at Saiyungpun School on Monday, May 2nd.

Yesterday's health return shows four cases of small-pox and one each of plague and enteric. All were fatal, and all the victims Chinese.

To-morrow's pictorial page will contain photographs of Sir William Brunyate distributing the prizes at St. Joseph's College sports; a group taken at the farewell dance to men of H.M.S. Hawkins; pictures of the Ursula and the Toinette, Hayward Hayes and Gael Class champion yachts respectively; a photograph of A. J. Osmond (Billiard Champion) with his brother, L. A. Osmond (runner-up in Billiard Championship); and photos of M. and Mme. Paoli, the visiting French vocalists.

What appeared to be contraband ammunition for the military etc. at Canton has been seized by the Detective Department of Hongkong who also made the arrest of a Chinese in whose possession part of the seizure was found. The Chief Detective Inspector informed the Court this morning that 25 boxes of cartridge cases had been sent to Canton, but on its discovery, the Customs returned it to the Police here. The remainder of the contraband was seized on the steamer Kwangtung and in a godown at Belchers Street. A remand for the prisoner was applied for by Mr. G. Tinson, bail being fixed in the sum of \$1,000.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### Monday's Meeting.

The agenda for Monday's meeting of the Council is as follows:—

Question by the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bird.—In view of the fact that the housing problem is still acute and that the Dairy Farm Co. hold some 210 acres of highly suitable and accessible building land on the cool side of the Island, will the Government take preliminary steps to develop some spot on the mainland, such as the slopes of the Shatin Valley, with a view to ultimate removal of the Company's sheds and cattle to such spot and the resumption of the land at present in its possession?

Second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide for the transference of property, rights and powers to successive holders of the office of Custodian of Enemy Property.

Second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) Order, 1920, and by the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) (No.2) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

Second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to stamp duty.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

### "A Butterfly on the Wheel."

For this very fine play, the H.B. Waring Company had a good house last night; the performance being much enjoyed. The piece was splendidly staged, whilst the cast was in most capable hands, Miss Sherwin and Mr. Quartermaine doing especially fine work. To-night's attraction is "A Marriage of Convenience."

The visit of the Waring Company is proving all too short, for, owing to difficulties of obtaining sailings, the Company must leave here by the Empress of Russia on Thursday. Therefore, in response to many requests, Mr. Waring has decided to make slight changes in the Company's plans. On Tuesday night "Romeo and Juliet" will be staged. This is considered the finest production in the repertoire of the Company. Miss Sherwin will play Juliet and Mr. Waring will be Romeo. This will be repeated at a special matinee on Wednesday at 5.15, whilst for the final performance on Wednesday night the piece to be presented is the delightful Criterion Theatre farce "Ann," which is described as the happiest play of recent years. Miss Sherwin will play the part of the mischievous American reporter-girl Ann, this being generally pronounced as her greatest success.

The Company has proved itself worthy of all the glowing tributes it has received, and we confidently anticipate that Hongkong will extend its liberal support for these final performances.

## News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The a.s. Alcor has arrived from Europe and consignees are given the usual notice on page 4. Mr. J. T. Shaw has received new stocks of the famous Nettleton shoes.—Page 7.

At the Coronet Theatre Constantine Talmadge is being starred in "The Virtuous Vamp"—Page 7. A grand concert is being given at the Peak Club on Thursday next by M. and Mme. Paoli-Donzella.—Page 4.

The Anderson Music Company announces the arrival of new popular music.—Page 7.

## To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2s. 6 1/4d.

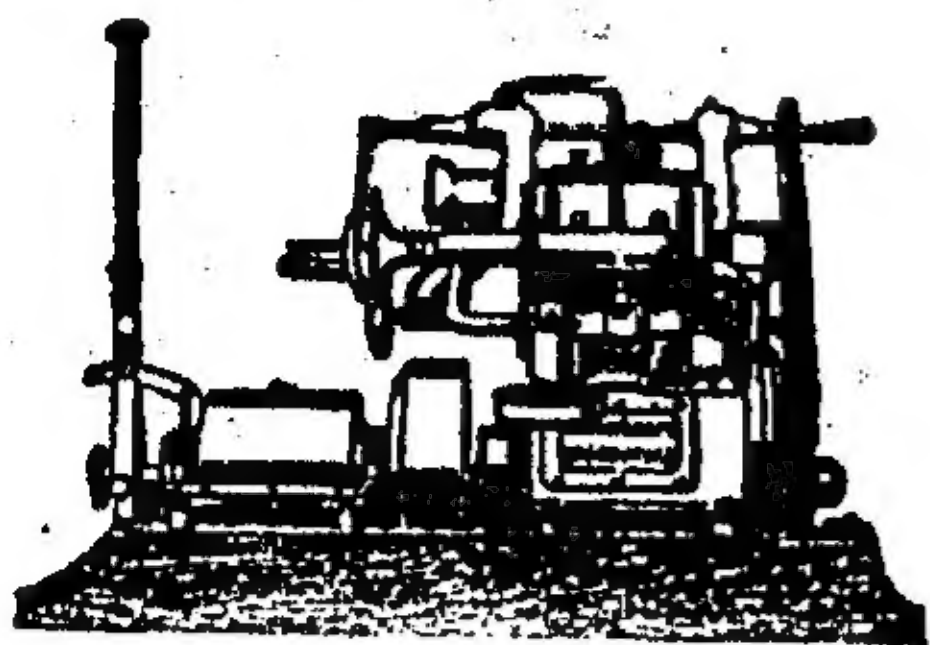
## The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer:—29.97. Temperature:—76. Humidity:—79.

## Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day is 8.15 p.m.

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## THE STAMP DUTIES.

### OPPOSITION BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

#### Loans Suggested for Meeting Expenditure.

A general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce was held in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the general body of members on the proposed Stamp Ordinance, 1921.

Mr. A. O. Lang (Vice-Chairman) was in the chair, supported by the Committee. The following were present and represented:

Messrs. J. M. Alves and Co. (Mr. J. M. Alves); Arculli Bros. (Mr. V. Curreen); Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. H. Bell); Andersen, Meyer and Co., Ltd. (Mr. Gerald Fanvel); Banque de l'Indo Chine (Mr. V. Harso); Botelho Bros. (Mr. P. V. Botelho); Bradley and Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. A. Plummer); British American Tobacco Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. B. Kennett); Butterfield and Swire (Mr. G. T. Edkins); British Borneo Timber Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Lakin); Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton; Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor and Co. (Mr. C. Lafrentz); Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd. (Mr. J. H. Wallace); Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. (Mr. F. C. Hall); Cawajee Pallansee and Co. (Mr. R. B. Cooper); China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Cochran); China Light and Power Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Tape); China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. (Mr. H. H. Taylor); China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. B. J. Hornell); Chun On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chan); Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. H. Elliott); Mr. H. A. Cartwright; Messrs. S. J. David and Co., Ltd. (Messrs. E. S. Abraham and D. J. Ellis); Deacons, Looker, Deacon and Harston (Mr. W. E. L. Shenton); Dennys and Bowley (Mr. Bulwer Johnson); Dodwell and Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Dodwell); Donnelly and Whyte (Mr. L. M. Whyte); Eastern Asbestos Co. (Mr. T. W. Hill); Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co. (Mr. M. E. F. Airey); Fung Tung (Mr. Wong Tak kwong); General Electric Co. of China, Ltd. (Mr. A. B. Raworth); Gibb Livingston and Co. (Mr. A. O. Lang); Gilman and Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. Miskin); Goddard and Douglas (Mr. T. Arthur); Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Mr. Allan Keith); T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. R. G. Hall); A. and S. Hancock (Mr. H. Hancock); W. A. Hannibal and Co. (Mr. John Robertson); Handelsmaatschappij "Transmarina" (Mr. D. H. te Wechel); Hogg, Karanjia and Co., Ltd. (Mr. N. B. Karanjia); Holland Pacific Trading Co. (Mr. G. H. van Gennep Luhrs); Holland China Trading Co. (Mr. A. W. van Andel); Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. A. Marsh); Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. Piercy); Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen); Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. E. Roberts); Hongkong Import and China Produce Export Co. (Mr. S. E. Ismail); W. J. Humphreys and Co. (Mr. E. Humphreys); J. D. Hutchison and Co. (Mr. T. J. Pearce); Mr. R. Hancock; Hon. Mr. Ho Fook; International Banking Corporation (Mr. G. Hogg); Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. G. M. Bernal); Johnson Stokes and Master (Messrs. C. A. Hooper and D. J. Lewis); Lane Crawford and Co. (Mr. F. M. Crawford); Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. E. Hale); Lowe, Bingham and Matthews (Mr. A. R. Lowe); W. R. Loxley and Co. (Messrs. D. C. Russell and W. L. Pattenden); Lamert Bros. (Mr. H. A. Lamert); Mr. W. Logan; Mr. Lo Cheung Shui; Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. (Mr. N. C. Wilson); J. R. Michael and Co. (Messrs. Vivian Benjamin and W. G. Joseph); Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. (Mr. W. Mizuno); Moller and Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. F. Williamson); Mustard and Co. (Mr. J. H. Scott); Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. (Mr. P. L. Knight); Moxon and Taylor (Messrs. H. Birkett and E. B. Raymond); New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. C. V. Mark); North China Insurance Co. (Mr. L. F. Townsend); Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. (Mr. H. Tilling); Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; Messrs. Reiss and Co. (Mr. W. G. Saunders); Robertson and Co. (Mr. G. W. Sowell);

Alex Ross and Co. (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland); J. M. da Rocha and Co. (Mr. A. D. Barretto); Rudolf Wolf and Kew, Ltd. (Mr. C. H. W. Kew); Mr. A. G. da Rocha; Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith); E. D. Sassoon and Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. S. Gubbay); Shewan Tomes and Co. (Mr. R. Farrant); Shui On S. S. Co., Ltd. (Mr. Chan Suk-ki); H. Skott and Co. (Mr. G. E. Welling); Soares and Co. (Mr. A. M. L. Soares); De Sousa and Co., Ltd. (Messrs. E. V. M. R. de Sousa and F. E. A. Remedios); Stewart Bros. (Mr. Evan Ormiston); South British Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. S. Harrison); Mr. F. Smyth; Mr. P. P. Talati (Mr. M. P. Talati); Messrs. Union Trading Co., Ltd. (Messrs. S. M. Churn and J. C. Barretto); Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. P. Lander).

The Secretary having read the notice of the meeting, the Chairman said:

Gentlemen.—I must apologize for the fact that this meeting is irregular in that insufficient notice, in accordance with what is laid down in the Rules and Regulations of this Chamber, has been given. This was manifestly impossible if your views on the proposed Stamp Ordinance were to be in the possession of the Chamber's representative on the Legislative Council before the second reading, which, as you are all aware, comes up on 25th inst. As the Bill is of momentous importance to the Colony in general, it is a matter of great regret that the Government could not see its way to accede to the request for a longer postponement of the second reading, and I personally am of opinion that sufficient time has not been given to permit of the Bill being thoroughly gone into in every detail.

Your Committee, however, meet this Bill in no antagonistic spirit. It is recognized that the Government must find a means of augmenting its income, that is if all the annual expenditure must come out of the annual revenue. But it is felt that the means suggested for the replacement, or partial replacement, of the loss in the opium revenue is open to criticism; and that criticism, if founded on reason, will receive the sympathetic consideration of Government, which, if even no respect of any particular interest, has, I am convinced, no intention of deliberately killing the "goose that lays the golden egg."

It was felt that an opportunity should be given to the general body of members of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to express opinions which might assist your representative on the Legislative Council in resisting vexatious and harmful legislation, for undoubtedly some of the provisions in the Bill under review would necessarily have a tendency to drive business away from the Colony and might conceivably—at least in time—have the effect of reducing revenue rather than increasing it.

Before making any reference to those particular items in the Bill to which exception is taken by your Committee, I think it is perhaps pertinent to ask whether it really is necessary that expenditure of a capital nature, such as the building of roads, erection of houses for Government employees, etc., should be provided for out of revenue. In England, as well as the Dominions and some of the Colonies, such expenditure is provided for by raising loans, and only the interest and amortisation fund charges, fall on the rates. Posterity thus bears a share in the cost of development, and it appears to your Committee that the same admirable principle should apply here. (Applause.)

The principal provisions of the proposed Ordinance to which, as it appears to your Committee, the business man can take reasonable exception as being damaging both to his personal interests and to the Colony's prosperity are those which relate to:

Agreement relating to Sale of Goods,  
Marine Policies of Insurance  
Property Conveyance,  
Bills of Lading and Shippers' Notes,  
Charter Parties,  
Blank Transfers,  
on which I am already in possession of expert advice.

If any member present would like to address the meeting on any of these points, or has suggestions to make which will be of assistance to the Chamber and its representative, in contesting portions of this Bill, we hope he will now do so.

I will now with your permission read certain proposed resolutions which have been prepared by your Committee and which will, after hearing your views, be put to this Meeting.

The Chairman read the resolutions, as follows:—  
**Proposed Stamp Ordinance of 1921.**

1. That as regards the proposed Stamp Duty on Agreements for sale of goods, in view of the fact that no such similar duty has previously been imposed within the British Empire, and in view of the fact that this proposed duty will fall far more heavily on the European Importer and will not affect to anything like the same extent the Chinese dealer, and in view of the great practical difficulties which such a duty will have on the sale of goods generally in this Colony, this meeting strongly opposes the imposition of this proposed duty which will oppressively and unduly hamper the conduct of business in this Colony.

2. That as regards the proposed taxation on policies of marine insurance other than Hull risks, this meeting is of the opinion that the taxation proposed is far greater than the business can successfully contend with and is impractical and that unless the scale and application of the proposed duty are amended and limited to twice the present duty, marine insurance business which would otherwise be transacted in this Colony will be transacted elsewhere.

3. That as regards the proposed increase of stamp duty on land transactions, the same will constitute an excessive burden on this important resource of this Colony and the increase should not exceed 50 per cent of the present scale of stamp duties. That the Purchasers of land in this Colony should have the option of paying the Conveyance stamp duty either on the Agreement of Sale or on the ultimate Conveyance.

4. That as regards the increase in stamp duty proposed in respect of Bills of Lading and Shippers' Notes, this meeting is of the opinion that the stamp duty on these documents should not be increased above 25 cents, the equivalent of six pence at a two shillings dollar. Alternatively, if the 30 cents tax is maintained the rate of freight invoice should be increased from \$3 to \$20.

5. That the proposed increase of stamp duty on Charter Parties is out of all proportion to what is reasonably assessable on such documents, and that in view of the large number of Charter Parties which are concerned with routes between other ports than of Hong Kong and where in such places the Charter Parties could be legitimately effected in the other ports concerned, this meeting is of the opinion that it would be to the advantage of the revenue to withdraw such duty.

6. That this meeting is of the opinion that the stamp duty on share transfers be limited to 20 cents per \$100.

7. That as regards Clause 20 of the proposed Ordinance, this meeting is of the opinion that this Clause should be withdrawn as being unworkable but that if it is desirable to tax share transactions the duty on Share Contract Notes be still further increased.

The Chairman.—Gentlemen, the matters mentioned by me are now open for discussion.

Mr. G. T. Edkins.—I have no hesitation in supporting the spirit of Mr. Lang's remarks on the question before us, but I would like to represent, as he has, that my views are held in no antagonistic spirit to the Government. The Government must have additional revenue, but I do not think they have chosen either the happiest time or most appropriate means for securing it under this Stamp Ordinance. (Applause.)

I dare say, at this moment, almost every British company in this Colony, and probably the business concerns of other nationalities as well, are centring their energies on reducing costs and charges for running their businesses. That, in any case, is the position with shipping and engineering trades, not only here but all over the world. You will have seen the Reuter telegram of a day or two ago, which stated that Great Britain is suffering from the worst shipping slump in living memory, and it cannot be overlooked that this Colony is directly, as well as indirectly, connected with those concerned in that slump.

In the midst of this commercial and shipping depression, when we want to do our best to cut down charges, we are faced with proposed taxation to increase them, and, in my opinion, unduly and unnecessarily. The revenues to be derived from the new taxation which has recently been put into force, and which it is now proposed to extend to our every-day business transactions, is intended, I take it, to meet the cost in a large measure of the municipal and harbour developments of the Colony.

I thoroughly approve of all the Government is doing to develop the Colony, both on this island and at Kowloon, with reclamations and other improvements which the natural development of the Colony calls for. Some of us think that certain roads or other works are not of immediate practical utility and there will always be differences of opinion on points of that kind; but, taken as a whole, I do not think the Colony is marching ahead of the times in these developments. A visit to Shanghai, and a view of the rapid development that has taken place there in the spread of the settlements away from the early business centre, brings home how slow in the past has been the development of this Colony compared with that of the Shanghai settlements.

We want more house accommodation and lower rents, and we can only get such advantages by opening up new areas away from the cities by means of roads, the cost of which we are being called upon to pay for. We want more business sites and we can only get them by reclamations and removal of military and naval sites. I do not think we should quarrel with providing the necessary expenditure for these requirements, but I think the means should be found, as Mr. Lang has suggested, through the issue of Government loans in the same way that Governments and municipalities all the world over issue them to meet development expenditure. (Applause.)

These loans should be repaid by specified amortisation funds, allocated over a period of years. A sufficient amount of funds could be raised in this manner to meet the expenditure and the cost of up-to-date development of the Colony, and with annual amortisation provision, which could be fully met by taxation which will not unduly penalize the Colony's commerce. With the taxation proposed, business will, I believe, have to carry charges higher than those prevailing in any of the ports of the East.

I think we should, therefore, try to persuade the Government, in the reconsideration I trust they will give to this Bill, to consider seriously adopting the issue of loans to meet their expenditure, particularly where water reservoirs, roads, reclamations and harbour improvements are in question. If they will adopt this principle I feel confident they will not need to introduce these increased levies on the conduct of business, and I would submit that it should be a radical principle of the policy of this Colony to minimize taxation charges on business transactions; to keep such taxes down to the fewest possible; and to so legislate that business transactions shall not be hampered by the compulsory making out of forms which in general practice are not used, and the absence of which simplifies and conduces to smooth running of business.

With regard to the various new charges proposed, so far as I have been able to scrutinize the Bill, the outstanding objections that occur to me are the application of increased taxes in the cases of Marine Insurance, Sale Notes, Charter Parties, Bills of Lading, and Blank Transfers of Securities, and in connection with these we must consider Clause 17, which reads as follows, in case you have not all taken it in:

17.—Every instrument executed out of the Colony by any person, not being a bill of exchange or a promissory note, shall, before being executed, used, brought into force, acted upon, or registered within the Colony, be stamped according to the rate of duty to which it had been executed in the first instance within the Colony, whatever the provisions of the schedule to this Ordinance may be with regard to the time before which or the period within which such an instrument, if executed in the first instance within the Colony, should be stamped.

Taken in this clause has a very comprehensive effect and it would be helpful to have it cleared up as to whether it is intended

to apply, for instance, to a marine insurance policy taken out in London or New York on a shipment of goods to Hongkong, the marine insurance policy of which is attached to a bank draft. Or, in the event of a claim being made on an insurance company, whether it is intended that such a London or New York policy must be stamped on the new scale. With regard to proposed new taxation of marine insurance policies there are insurance experts present who will enlighten us as to the effect of the proposed taxes. Personally, I honestly think the proposals as at present drafted are impracticable, and if put into effect would lead to diversion of business from the Colony. (Applause.)

As regards Sale Notes for Goods or Merchandise, with a great deal of business at present there are no sale notes issued, and the innovation will be irksome and obstructive to the smooth running of business beyond the value of the revenue.

As to Charter Parties the change proposed appears to be likely to lead to loss of revenue since many charter parties, with routes such as Hongkong-Swallow, will probably be executed out of the Colony which is not directly concerned in the business.

It appears to me to be unnecessary to penalise Blank Transfers of Securities in many special cases such as when they are held against bona fide advances for specific purposes.

As to Bills of Lading a tax of 30 cents on \$3 freight seems to me high and again may lead to loss of revenue on the many small shipments coastwise. It seems better to supply any higher charge on freight of say \$20 upwards. It does not seem wise to make the charge more than the normal home rate of 6d.

Turning to another part of the Bill, Clause 43 should have attention. It gives the collector or his delegates, who may be anybody, authority of access which provides to my mind unnecessarily wide powers to the Government to inspect private books and documents and this, I think we should urge, should be amended. (Applause.) There is no question of a warrant being necessary, nor appeal to higher authority, and no redress provided in the event of the power being misused. Apart from these objections I do not think the proposed measure warrants such an innovation.

With these remarks, gentlemen, I support the Chairman and beg to second the resolutions to be laid before you with the hope that the Government will seriously consider the views of this Chamber and hesitate before unduly weighting the business of the Colony with the handicaps the proposed Ordinance as it stands would introduce. (Loud applause.)

Mr. H. Birkett: I would like to propose an amendment to Resolutions 6 and 7 on behalf of the Stock Exchange. In Resolution 6, that "fifteen cents" be substituted for "twenty cents," and that the following be added to Resolution 7: "and that holders of shares be compelled to transfer same into their own names before receiving any dividends thereon."

Hon. Mr. Pollock: Just to put the matter in form I beg to second Mr. Birkett's amendment. I should say with regard to Clause 29 that I entirely agree that that clause, as it is, would be wholly unworkable. (Applause.) It is certainly not desirable that, if any legislation is to be passed with a view to promoting registration of transfers of shares, such legislation should be forced through under the absurd penalties in Schedule No. 41 of this Bill. That is all I have to say, Sir, except just to make one remark, if I may, by way of correction of what fell from you as to the date to which the Government adjourned the second reading. The second reading was taken at an early date because the Hon. Mr. Stephen and the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook are leaving the Colony for a time on the 28th inst. We agreed to that inadequately short adjournment because it was understood—in fact a pledge was given by the Government—that if the Official Members should desire certain provisions of the Bill to stand over to a later date, that desire of the Official Members would be acceded to by the Government. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded Mr. Birkett's amendments. Mr. W. B. Kennett: Is it in order to refer to any clause not mentioned in these proposals? The Chairman: Yes.

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### THE STAMP DUTIES.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Mr. Kennett: Then I would like to call attention to Clause 25, "Every letter or power of attorney for the sole purpose of appointing proxy to vote at a meeting shall specify the day upon which the meeting at which it is intended to be used is to be held, and shall be available only at the meeting so specified and any adjournment thereof." It seems to me that the effect of that may be to prevent a general proxy being given. Now, as you know, many companies hold meetings at seven or eight days' notice and the effect of this clause would be that no shareholder out of the Colony could be represented at such meeting, because no proxy can be acted upon which does not specify a date. At present it is a very general practice for a shareholder to leave a general proxy with someone. Under this clause there must be long notice of the holding of a meeting for a shareholder who is abroad to be represented. The clause means that no one can be represented at all at such meeting unless he happens to be in the Colony at the moment.

The Chairman: Later on I shall ask you to put that in the form of a resolution.

Mr. Kennett: There is one other point. Does this meeting intend to pass without comment the extraordinary change in the law which makes it a criminal offence to omit to stamp a document, whether with any intent to evade the law or anything of the sort? If you will refer to the objects and reasons given by the Attorney General, it puts this very clearly.

"It is intended that criminal liability shall attach to the corporate body itself in the former case, and to the person appearing to have the management in the latter case, upon mere failure to stamp. In other words, the corporate body in the one case and the manager in the other case, will be liable for the mere omission apart from any question of intention to evade, or of guilty knowledge."

"That seems to be a very startling innovation."

Hon. Mr. Pollock: I quite agree with Mr. Kennett's remarks. The clause as it stands is in a very objectionable form.

Mr. Edkins: I do not hesitate to support that amendment and what has been said. It is inconceivable that the measure should be brought in this way. It is going to make business more and more difficult than ever. If this Bill is brought in as it stands, it is conceived, I submit, in the wrong spirit. (Applause.)

The Chairman: I thank Mr. Kennett for drawing our attention in such forcible manner to this particular clause. We shall press for modification of Clause 41 of the Bill itself, together with Clause 16 of the Objects and Reasons, if you think that will be sufficient.

The Chairman then proposed the resolutions separately. Mr. J. A. Plummer seconded the first, Mr. F. C. Hall the second, Mr. Bowes Smith the third and Mr. Edkins the fourth and fifth.

The amendments to the sixth and seventh resolutions were accepted, Mr. Birkett seconded both. As amended, the resolutions read:

6. That this meeting is of the opinion that the Stamp Duty on share transfers be limited to 15 cents per \$100.

7. That as regards Clause 29 of the proposed Ordinance, this meeting is of the opinion that this Clause should be withdrawn as being unworkable, but that if it is desired to tax share transactions, the duty on share contract notes be still further increased, and that holders of shares be compelled to transfer same into their own names before receiving any dividends thereon.

The resolutions were carried with applause.

Mr. W. B. Kennett moved another resolution regarding Clause 25, as follows:

8. That this meeting is of opinion that Clause 25 should be amended so as to make it clear that a shareholder may give a general proxy for use at all meetings of a company, provided that such proxy be duly stamped at an amount to be fixed by the Ordinance.

Mr. Evan Ormiston seconded, and the resolution was carried.

Mr. Kennett proposed further:

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS. MAKING GERMANY PAY.

Paris, April 19.  
According to the latest report, Germany has seemingly given up attempts to find a mediator in view of the cold reception met with in her tentative enquiries at Washington, Bruxelles, Bernes and Prague. The Allies are expected very shortly to receive direct proposals which are said to be almost identical with those submitted in London in March last. Rumours of an impending meeting of the Allied Supreme Council at a place on the British or French coasts are taking place.

Paris, April 21.  
It is stated that French mining engineers will supervise the Germans in getting and distributing the coal from the Ruhr coal-fields, wherefrom it is estimated, the output will exceed seventy-five per cent. of the previous output of 250 million tons annually. It is estimated that these new measures and the establishment of the Customs on the Eastern frontier of the occupied territory will yield between three and five milliards gold marks annually. The new Customs regime on the Rhine operated last night. Very little delay was caused to passengers.

### COALOWNERS AND MINERS.

London, April 21.  
Though the coalowners and miners have not yet again met, they are conducting a prolix discussion in the Press. While the miners declare that the owners' offer, cabled on April 20th, marks no advance on the previous offers and does not meet the demand for a national pool or a levy, which the miners are apparently in no wise inclined to relinquish, the owners have published a statement declaring that the levy on tonnage is essentially the same as a profits pool, involving Government control and discouraging enterprise.

### AMERICAN SEAMEN'S WAGES.

New York, April 21.  
Industrial troubles, which have recently become more threatening on account of wage reductions, are likely to come to a head as a result of the American Shipowners' Association giving notice of a twenty-five per cent. reduction of wages from 1st May. To this the Seamen's Union has replied with a threat to go on strike on Atlantic and Pacific ocean services simultaneously.

### DAMAGED EASTERN MAILS.

London, April 21.  
The Post Office announces that portions of the Indian and Far Eastern mail arriving in London on 20th April were seriously damaged by a gale in the Mediterranean. The majority will be delivered but some addresses are indecipherable.

### CHINESE MISSION.

Paris, April 19.  
The French Premier has received in private audience Mr. Chou Chi Chien, the Chinese President's special envoy to France. M. Millerand offered a dinner in honour of the members of the Chinese Mission who have just arrived in Paris. The former Premier, Mr. Chou Chi Chien, M. Noumer, M. Sarraut and M. Painleve were present.—*Val*.

### COUNTY CRICKET.

London, April 21.  
The Cricket Board of Control has decided that scoring in the County Championship shall be five points for a win in a completed match and three points for a first innings victory in an uncompleted match, the loser in the latter case to take one point.

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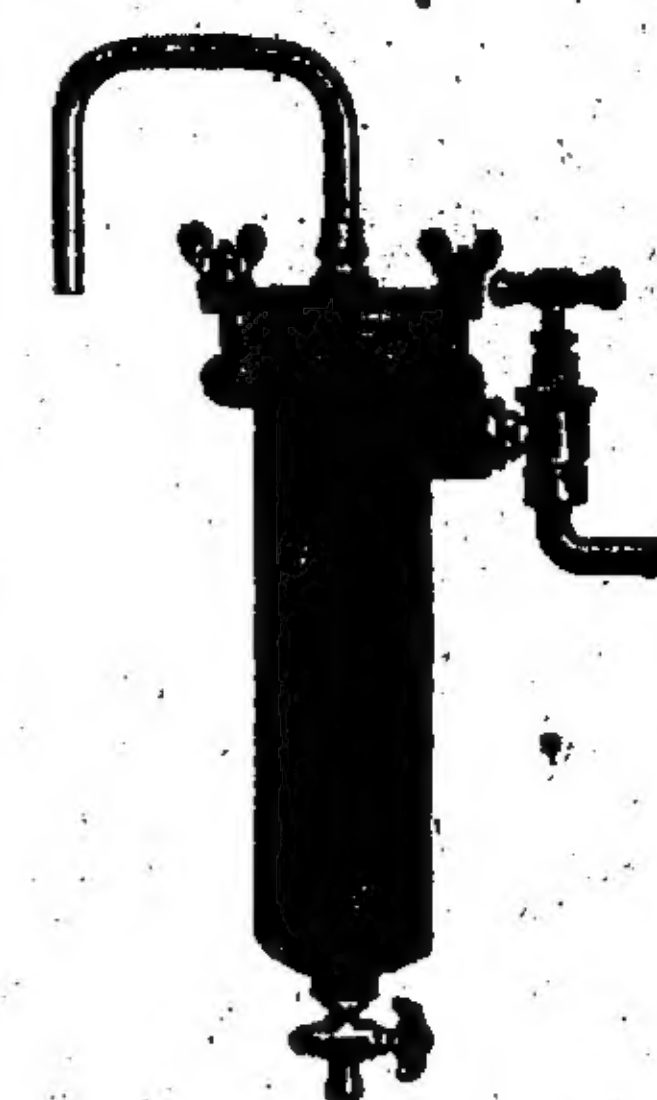
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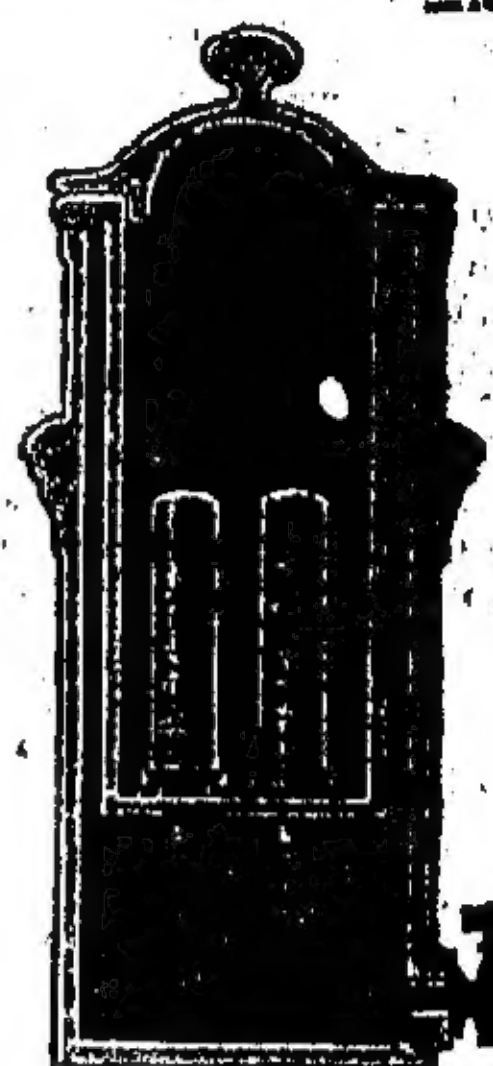
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## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

## Correspondence With The Government.

We have received for publication the following copies of correspondence between the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association and the Colonial Secretary.

## "Men of Straw."

March 3, 1921.  
Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have instructed me to convey to the Government their expression of regret that the Government "does not feel able in present circumstances to increase the already large amount locked up in advances for building houses."

In this connection, I am further under instruction to observe that my Committee have yet to be convinced that "the large number of applicants were men of straw who had no possible security to give," and that the Government could find only one applicant for a loan who had "made a definite proposition."

I am still further authorised to express the hope that the Government at an early date will find itself in the happy position to renew its generously devised scheme of advancing loans to enable the borrowers to build dwelling-houses, and that, in the Government's allocation of any possible available resources, applications from private individuals with tangible security to offer who have already though unsuccessfully approached the Government and those of the same category who may in future apply to the Government for financial accommodations for a similar desirable purpose, will receive sympathetic consideration and satisfaction equally with any application from that group which has already been as beneficently gratified.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
The Honourable, Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 24th March, 1921.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of March 3rd, I am directed to inform you that the Government wherever possible is making advances of money to help building schemes which have for their object the provision of suitable dwellings for Europeans and others of varying incomes.

2. In this connection I may mention that in addition to what has been done already another scheme for providing a number of small flats near the ferry pier will be completed with Government assistance probably by the end of this year while the question of helping persons to build small houses at Kowloon Tong is under consideration.

3. I should be glad if you would bring to my notice any application which seems to you to have been refused without sufficient ground.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,  
Colonial Secretary.  
The Hon. Secretary,  
Kowloon Residents' Association.

## Motor Omnibuses.

2nd March, 1921.  
Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have instructed me to ask the Government what progress has been made in connection with the proposed Motor Omnibus Service in Kowloon, and also when such service may be expected to be in operation.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
The Honourable, Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

## Increased Rentals.

January 21, 1921.  
Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that I have been instructed by my Committee to invite the Government's attention to the imposition of increased rentals of the houses known as David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and to request that the matter be investigated by the Government with a view to securing relief for the tenants, several of whom, being members of this Association, have appealed for its support.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
The Honourable, Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 23rd Feb, 1921.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of January 21st, 1921, drawing attention to increased rentals of houses in David's

Buildings, Nathan Road, I am directed to request you to furnish me with a list of these houses giving particulars of the rents payable before and after the increase in question.—I am, etc.,  
(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,  
Colonial Secretary.  
The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

26th February, 1921.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 1 in 2576/1919, of the 28th of February, requesting me to furnish a list of the houses in David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and particulars of the rents payable before and after the proposed increase.

The houses are three in number and are composed of six flats each. The particulars of the rents I have obtained are those of One House (six flats), being three outside flats and three inside flats, they are uniform with the other flats, and are as follows:—

No.	Floor.	Present	Inc. Rent.
58	Ground	\$60.00	\$ 80.00
58	First	80.10	100.00
58	Top	80.00	100.00
56	Ground	55.00	75.00
56	First	75.10	95.00
56	Top	72.80	95.00

I enclose an original letter to one of the tenants from the landlords.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
The Hon., The Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1921.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 26th February, I am directed to inform you that I have inspected figures showing the cost of erecting David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, including the cost of the land when bought, and also a statement of all expenditure incurred in connection therewith.

I find that the rents paid for some years past yielded about 6½ per cent. on the total cost of the buildings, while the increased rents give a nett return of 8.4 per cent. The Government does not consider this return excessive, and is therefore not prepared to interfere in the matter.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,  
Colonial Secretary.  
W. Jackson Esq., Hon. Secretary,  
Kowloon Residents' Association.

Kowloon Hospital.

March 1st, 1921.  
Sir,—At a recent meeting of my Committee the proposed Kowloon Hospital came up for consideration.

As a result of a lengthy discussion, I was instructed to enquire of the Government when the work in connection with the preparation of the proposed site will be commenced, and also to enquire what steps are being taken by the Government to accelerate the construction work of the proposed hospital buildings.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
The Honourable, Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1921.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of March 1st, 1921, on the subject of the proposed Kowloon Hospital I am directed to refer you to the answer given to the question asked by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock at the meeting of the Legislative Council on March 3rd, 1921.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,  
Colonial Secretary.  
To The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

Fire Alarms.

December 27, 1921.  
Sir,—I am instructed by my Committee to enquire from the Government if it is their intention to instal automatic fire alarms connected with the Kowloon Fire Station.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
The Honourable, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1921.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 27th December, I am directed to state that in the light of the experience gained of the automatic fire alarms in use in Victoria it is not intended to instal similar apparatus in Kowloon.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,  
Colonial Secretary.  
The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

## HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

## Mr. A. O. Lang Appointed Council Representative.

Prior to the general meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to discuss the new Stamp Duties yesterday, the Chamber appointed a representative to the Legislative Council to hold office during the absence on leave of Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, who left the Colony on Wednesday. There was only one nomination, that of Mr. A. O. Lang, Vice-Chairman of the Chamber, who was appointed.

The Secretary (Mr. D. K. Blair) having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman (Mr. A. O. Lang) said:

Gentlemen:—This meeting has been called at the request of the Hongkong Government to nominate a member of this Chamber to serve the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. As you are aware, Mr. Holyoak left the Colony yesterday and the chair at this meeting therefore devolves upon me as Vice-Chairman of the Chamber. The requisite notice has been advertised in the papers calling for nominations, and the only name put forward is my own, proposed by Mr. G. T. Edkins, seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, and supported by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and members of this Committee. As you are aware, the proposed Stamp Ordinance comes up for second reading on Monday, 25th, and in order that this Chamber and the commercial community of Hongkong should be represented at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, and the views of members of this Chamber, regarding which a meeting will be held immediately after this meeting is over, should be laid before the Government, it is necessary that the Chamber now nominate its representative for the Council. I will now call upon the proposer and seconder to support the nomination.

Mr. G. T. Edkins.—I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as representative of this Chamber on the Legislative Council. Mr. Lang is well-known to the community as senior in a firm long associated with the business of the Colony. He is on many of the boards of companies in the Colony, Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and he has had long experience in matters debated by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. I have no hesitation, therefore, in commending him to you, and I believe you will accept him as entirely fitted for this nomination. (Applause). I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as our representative on the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen.—I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Lang.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary read the rules relating to voting.

The motion was carried with applause.

The Chairman.—Gentlemen, I thank you exceedingly for the great honour you have done me, and although I cannot hope to emulate Mr. Holyoak in his wonderful powers of oratory, you may rest assured that I shall do my very best to protect this Chamber's interests, as well as the interests of the commercial community of this Colony during the short time which I expect to serve on the Council.—(Applause). No one deplures Mr. Holyoak's enforced absence from the Colony at this particular time more than I do, and I am sure we all hope that his change to Japan will result in complete restoration to health. I thank you.

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## CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND BANKERS.

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Since the rise of sterling the Customs and salt surplus have ceased to be one of the reliable sources of Government revenue. At present the Government can count only upon the Wine and Tobacco Monopoly receipts as its main source of income. However, according to estimate, the total amount of Wine and Tobacco receipts detained by the provincial militarists for local purposes up to date, aggregates \$12,000,000. This does not include the proceeds from the specific national taxes.

It is due to this that the Government finance is becoming more and more embarrassed every day, and now the Government is forced to live by borrowing. Even this prospect is closed owing to its inability to settle its obligations already due. The authorities have lately been exerting their utmost effort to regain the confidence of the native bankers who are the only source from which funds can be obtained. It is stated that after strenuous efforts of reconciliation the bankers have finally been induced to give further financial assistance to the Government.

In a private conference with Minister of Finance Chow Tzu-chi, the bankers urged the Government to take immediate steps to force the provincial officials to refrain from detaining the Government revenue further. They unanimously pointed out that it is impossible for the bankers to continue advancing funds to the Government without end.

In compliance with the suggestion of the bankers, the Government is preparing to issue a mandate explaining the financial difficulties of the Government and requesting the provincial officials to refrain from detaining the Government revenue further. Unless the Government can give assurance that provinces would not interfere with the Government revenue the bankers refuse to advance further loan and give financial assistance.

24 HOUR CLOCK—STOPPED!  
The Home Government has decided not to take steps for the adoption of the 24 hour clock.

G. R.

## NOTICE.

It is notified for information that a case of rabies has occurred within the Eastern District of the City of Victoria.

All dog owners are advised to exercise strict supervision over their dogs, and to keep them on leash in public places.

The Police have orders to enforce strictly the provisions of Section 16 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, viz:

16—(1) It shall be lawful for any police constable to destroy any dog or other animal reasonably suspected to be in a rabid state, or which has been bitten by any dog or animal reasonably suspected to be in a rabid state.

(2) The owner of any such dog or animal who permits the same to go at large, after having information or reasonable ground for believing it to be in a rabid state, or to have been bitten by a dog or other animal in a rabid state shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months.

(3) It shall be lawful for any police constable to destroy any dog which is found straying or wandering about during the daytime without any owner and not wearing either a collar with the name and residence of the owner inscribed thereon or a current licence badge; and any such constable is hereby further authorised to destroy any dog which is found straying or wandering about between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

T. H. KING,  
Actg. Captain Superintendent of Police,  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1921.

## DOG, CAT &amp; POULTRY SHOW.

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Goods not cleared by the 29th, April, 1921 at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th April, 1921 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Duglas.

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## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Subject to weather conditions, the following dates have been fixed:—

Final Open Championship Doubles, Saturday, 23rd April.

Final Open Championship Singles, Monday, 25th April.

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Reserved Seats may now be booked at the Pavilion by Members, Subscribers and those holding "privilege tickets," except between the hours of 4.15 and 6.30 p.m.

The lists will remain open at the Pavilion until Thursday evening, 21st April, after which date they will be transferred to Messrs. Moutrie & Co. Seats, Price \$1 each.

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## NOTICE.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Twentieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices on Tuesday April 26th at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of accounts to the 28th February 1921.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th April to 26th 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
H. O. HOLT,  
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#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 22nd inst. by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature immediately.

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No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 26th will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 2nd May 1921, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period of one week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 11th May, or they will not be recognised.

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Goods not cleared by the 27th April, 1921 at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

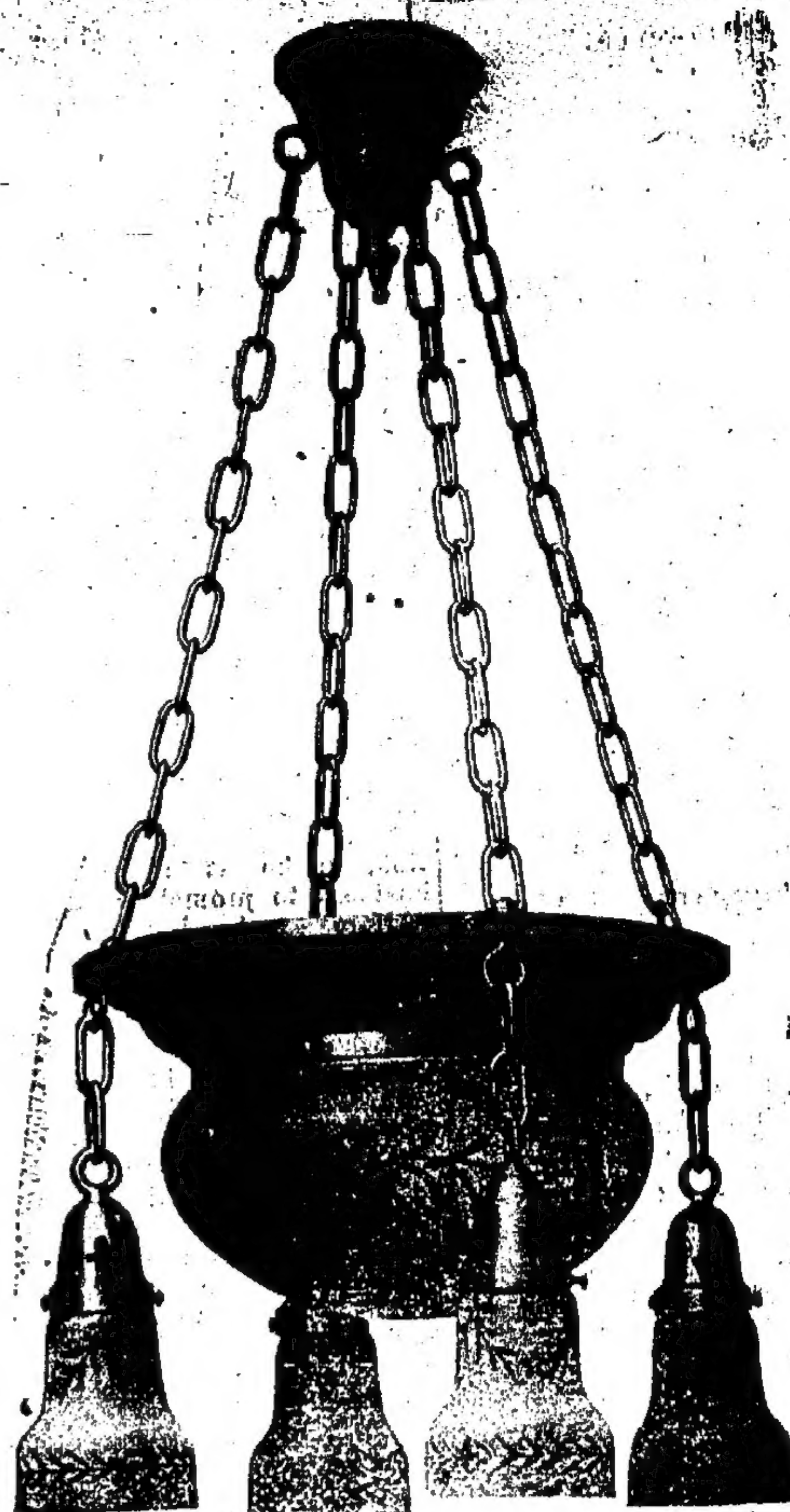
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#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns until Tuesday April 19th, 1921 when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 2.30 p.m.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyors, prior to the above date. All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

All cargo remaining after April 23rd, 1921 will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.,

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1921.

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The German girl secretaries hung out of the windows ostentatiously wearing new hats bought in London.

"Oh, yes, we like the English fashions," said one, "and we are

taking back frocks and hats as souvenirs."

It was noted that, while they wore woollen stockings on their arrival, they returned to the Fatherland in silk.

Mr. Conway Davies, who was responsible for accommodation, was there to see the delegates off, and they were profuse in their expression of gratitude at the arrangements made on their behalf.

The delegation left the Savoy Hotel by the back door, and a crowd of silent spectators watched them depart.

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### Marriage.

CLEMENTS—CLEMENTS.—On April 16th, 1921, at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, Harold Claude Clements, of Shanghai, to Agnes, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. H. Clements, Birkenhead, England. Shanghai Papers please copy.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1921.

### THE CIVIL AVIATION POSITION.

At present this outpost of the Empire does not participate extensively in aviation. Things may be different in the not-distant future, and at all events we cannot be indifferent to the course of aviation in its relation to every-day life. Commenting the other day upon the position of the civil aerial service at Home, we alluded to the lack of support accorded to it by the Government. The position is more unfavourable than had been supposed. After much and lengthy persuasion, the Government allotted £80,000 by way of subsidy. Besides being altogether inadequate, it looks as if the subsidy has come too late. The British manufacturers of aerial vehicles have been closing down for some time past, and one by one the British aerial transport companies have been forced to abandon their services. Now the last of these, the celebrated Handley Page service between London and Paris, has ceased.

Travellers who prefer the swift passage offered by the air, and traders who have to send or to receive urgent merchandise, will not be deprived of opportunities. The difference will be that the aeroplanes and pilots, the designers constructing the engines and machines, and the companies owning them will not be British. They will be French at first, and probably before very long Belgian and Dutch, Swedish and Italian, perhaps German, also. The change will be great from last year, when British aviation was supreme, nor has it come without warning. One after another, the British companies have had to give in, and the Air Ministry has been watching the replacement of British by foreign machines at its London Terminal Aerodrome. In the week ended February 20, for example, out of twenty arrivals and departures only one was British. In introducing the Air Estimates Mr. Churchill stated that attention would be paid to services to the Continent, particularly the London-Paris line. Yet the Handley Page Company states that when it made representations to the Ministry shortly before discontinuing its service, no reply, or only an unsympathetic one, was obtainable. The French service having reduced its rates by 30 per cent. in the case of passengers and 20 per cent. in respect of freight, the Handley Page Company could carry on its service no longer. Meantime French commercial aviation, aided by subsidies exceeding half a million, is going ahead so rapidly that 50 machines are expected to be available for the cross-Channel route at an early date.

Last year British companies, although the route between London and Paris is surprisingly difficult, proved that a service could not only be maintained but made to pay if given initial support. Unfortunately they received none from the Government. The Post Office refused to transfer its first-class mails to them, although in the United States the Postmaster-General not only used aerial transport but saved money by so doing. A direct subsidy, long ago recommended by Lord Weir's Committee as vital to the early stages of the industry, was refused. It appears for the first time in the Estimates for 1921-22, the amount being only £60,000 (about one-tenth of the French subsidy). But before the Vote was passed the French services had collapsed through lack of official encouragement. Governments are sometimes blamed hastily. In this instance there is strong ground for criticism, the importance to the commerce of the country and of the Empire of developing the new mode of transport being manifest.

Just as we have written these lines Reuter apprises us of a debate in Parliament last evening upon this question, the result of which a new subsidy arrangement has been entered into. As two companies appear to have agreed to resume their London-Paris services, the terms offered are presumably satisfactory, at least in respect of the test period, though they look meagre by the side of the French, and represent but a fraction of the sum that is being absorbed by routine expenditure.

### NOTES & COMMENTS.

#### Ex-Servicemen's Meeting.

H. E. General Officer Commanding must have been extremely gratified at the very large attendance of the Colony's ex-Servicemen at last night's meeting held to consider the desirability of forming an ex-Servicemen's organisation and also at the outcome of the meeting, which is that a branch of the British Legion be formed in Hongkong. This matter has been referred to in the columns of the local press on many occasions and it has generally been conceded a pity that those who had so much in common during the strenuous days of the war should be content to live together in a small community like this without some organised means of common intercourse. We have urged that an association of ex-Servicemen could, in addition to providing themselves with the advantages of organisation, make it their special business to promote the social welfare and happiness of the regular sailors and soldiers among us, and we trust that when the Hongkong branch of the British Legion has been successfully launched and organised that this will be made one of its chief aims. Nothing was said directly on this question at last night's meeting, but we know that the hope we have expressed above is shared by very many who were present. To Major-General Sir George Kirkpatrick, who took opportunity of the Home organisations to initiate the local movement, very sincere thanks are due, because by his action he has provided the chance that so many have been waiting for. The Committee, as chosen last evening, is a thoroughly representative one and there is no reason why all the ex-Servicemen of Hongkong should not combine to make the newly-formed association a power for good. There is plenty of scope, as the promoters well realise.

#### The New Taxes.

When a body of the size and importance of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce decides to resist the new Stamp Ordinance provisions on the ground that they amount to "excessive and harmful legislation," it must be evident that there are serious grounds for complaint. As we observed at the time the measures were first proposed, the question is one on which, by reason of its complicated character, experts well versed in the technicalities involved are alone entitled to speak. Well, the experts—the business men of the Colony—have now spoken; and they with one accord oppose many of the provisions of the Ordinance. That opposition is the result of an obviously careful analysis of the new measures. What impresses us about last night's meeting was that the Chamber did not oppose the Bill for the mere sake of doing so—the criticism was based on what commercial men consider reason. What is more, it was constructive criticism, also, for in place of meeting abnormal expenditure out of yearly revenue, the Chamber suggested the issue of Government loans—a far better method than constantly adding to current taxation. The Chamber is, happily, in a position to press its views on the Government, and we wish it well in the task. But who is going to look after the interests of the householder who on July 1st will be called upon to pay an extra 7 per cent. in taxes? Mr. Edkins said at last evening's meeting that lower rents were needed. But the Government is causing rents to be increased. Who is going to take up the cudgels on behalf of the householder? There's plenty of time between now and July 1st for a public meeting of protest. Couldn't the C.R.A. and the K.R.A. unite in convening such a gathering? There would, we are sure, be unanimous public support for such a move.

#### The Ex-Empress.

The news of the death and funeral of the ex-Empress of Germany, as cabled through Reuter, goes to show that although the Imperial House of Potsdam brought trial and sorrow to the German people there is still a strong regard and esteem felt for the exiled family. For the late ex-Empress there was cause for special sympathy, for tragedy and sorrow predominated in her life. She was the daughter of Frederick, Duke of Augustenborg and was known as Princess Augusta.

### DAY BY DAY.

YOUNG MEN THINK OLD MEN FOOLS, AND OLD MEN KNOW YOUNG MEN TO BE SO.—Dr. Metcalf.

A Chinese who fell down a staircase at Second Street was early yesterday morning removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Members of the Q.C.O.B.A. are reminded of (1) The Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday the 23rd inst. in the College Hall at 8 p.m. (2) The Cricket match to take place on the same day at 2 p.m. on the Indian Recreation Club Ground at Sookunpoo Valley and not on the College Ground as previously advertised.

Two Chinese were yesterday arrested following a quarrel at Kwai Wah Lane. Daggers were used, and with such effect that two men were afterwards admitted into the Government Civil Hospital suffering from wounds in the head and other parts. The theory of a Triad Society feud is receiving attention from the Police.

A Chinese contractor, who neglected to use steel work and reinforced concrete in the construction of the verandahs of several houses he is building at Yau-mat, was this morning charged at the instance of Mr. Vergette, of the P.W.D., who produced plans to show that these materials had been stipulated for in the contract. A fine of \$100 was imposed.

An attempt to rob a house belonging to a married woman in Sheun Yuen Village, Saikung district, resulted in one of the perpetrators being captured by the villagers when the alarm was given. The robbery took place on Wednesday night, when the woman was asleep, the four men who took part in it effecting entry by knocking a hole in the wall. The flourishing of daggers prevented the alarm being given until the robbers had effected a get-away. Before this, in the light of torches, the robbers made a thorough overhaul of the premises and stole jewellery and clothing of the total value of \$70. One man was captured by the villagers in the commotion that ensued.

Possession of 500 rounds of ammunition, a revolver and the magazine of a mauser pistol constituted the charge preferred at the Police Court this morning against a returned Chinese emigrant. With a frankness that eventually saved him from a heavy penalty, the man informed the Revenue Officer, who searched his luggage yesterday, of the presence of the arms in the false bottom of his trunk. Mr. A. H. Crewe, who appeared for the defence, represented to his Worship that his client was a bona-fide traveller, that the portion in the trunk was merely used to preserve the clothing from rust, and also to keep the ammunition from rolling about. These arguments were accepted by the Magistrate, who imposed the nominal fine of \$25 and confiscated the ammunition for a period of three months, at the end of which the defendant is permitted to apply for its return, subject to the production of a proper permit.

Victoria when she married Wilhelm on February 27, 1881. He became Emperor in June, 1888. She was the mother of six sons and one daughter. She gave her life wholeheartedly to raising them as she believed they should be. Wilhelm, the ex-Crown Prince, was born May 2, 1882; then came Eitel Frederick, Adalbert, August Wilhelm, Oscar, Joachim and Victoria Louise. The Crown Prince's marriage to Cecilia, Duchess of Mecklenburg, proved uncongenial. Eitel Friedrich brought sorrow to his mother by his wild escapades. Joachim committed suicide some months ago. The ex-Empress watched Germany plunge into the war with a heavy heart, realizing what it would mean to her people. Through the trying days of the war she remained as near the Kaiser as possible. And then, when all was lost and the ex-Empress had to flee for her life, the Kaiserin aided him and joined him in Holland as soon as he had found quarters.

### THE BOOKSHELF.

(By "Librarian.")

#### THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

In a few weeks the Premiers of Britain's far-flung territories will gather in London to discuss the future relations of the Overseas Dominions to the Mother Country, which imparts an opportunity to a treatise by Mr. H. D. Hall (Methuen, London: 10s. 6d.) entitled, "The British Commonwealth of Nations." This phrase was, I believe, coined by General Smuts—at least I first came upon it in a speech delivered by the South African statesman during the war.

The great and still unresolved changes which the war has made in the constitutional relations of the British peoples are not clearly understood. Notes may be made of the separate debate of the Peace Treaty by the Dominions, their claim to appoint their own ambassadors, and the apparently conflicting assertions of their Premiers that while, on the one hand, they now have an "equal status" before the world with Britain, they are determined to preserve in some form the Imperial tie. Is it possible to devise a plan which will meet these difficulties squarely, which will get round awkward problems of foreign relations, defence, treaty-making, and the like by providing for the co-operation of a number of autonomous States?

Mr. Hall believes it is, and points the way. In the earlier and historical part of his book he outlines with admirable clearness and with sufficient fullness the steady progress of Dominion autonomy from the Durham Report on Canada in 1839 to the events of last year, when Canada proposed to appoint her own Ambassador to America—a step she has deferred, at the request of the Home authorities, pending the forthcoming Conference. In his concluding chapters, the author works out in detail, with a courageous facing of difficulties, a highly interesting and well-articulated plan for free co-operation, including the relationship of such a Commonwealth to the League of Nations. He brings to his task a clear mind, a knowledge of Australian as well as of English thought (he is a Sydney and Balliol man), and the fruits of a judicious study of the mass of matter germane to the subject that has accumulated in the proceedings of overseas Parliaments and in the speeches of Dominion leaders in latter years.

Much interest was aroused recently by the announcement that an American lady had upset all the literary traditions of Japan. Throughout the centuries it has been written that no foreigner could cope with the native poets of Japan. But Mrs. Charles Burnett, wife of Col. Burnett, American Military Attaché at Tokyo, stepped into the lists this year, with results that have set agog the literary world of the Orient. A poem written by her in Japanese characters, has been selected as one of the 10 prize-winners at the annual Imperial Poetry Contest. Lafcadio Hearn, who devoted so much of his life to Japanese history and letter, did not get as far as this. Each December a subject is announced by the Bureau of Imperial Poems, which is a branch of the Home Department. This year the subject was "Dawn at the Meiji Shrine." That there shall be no favoritism shown, the name of the writer is sealed in a separate envelope. Mrs. Burnett, who has been a student of Japanese poetry, raised the heretofore unheard-of question of whether or not a foreigner could compete. It was agreed that she could submit a poem, though it could not be regularly entered in the contest because of the rule that only natives may participate. But when her poem was read it was declared so technically perfect, under the Japanese rules for verse writing, that it was at once classed among the best 10 to be submitted. A total of 20,000 poems had been sent. Her verse, literally translated, reads:

In the dawn of the New Year  
Before the ancient portals  
Of Eternal Truth,  
Behold, in changeless majesty,  
The Light of God.

Japanese poems are intended to give a fleeting suggestion, a brief remembrance of a mood, an impression or a passion, but sometimes with a deeper meaning.

Among the number of charges that have been brought against the Japanese of persecution of Koreans, probably some have been fabricated, some have been exaggerated, and some have been entirely untrue. This does not diminish the guilt in respect of the atrocities perpetrated. A bad example is that which occurred in Fengtien—Chinese territory—during October and November last, when a number of Koreans, chiefly Christians, were put to death, by Japanese soldiery and their churches burnt. These happenings are described in a booklet by the Rev. A. R. MacKenzie (of Hingkingfu, Mukden, the neighbourhood of much of the persecution), which is published by the Tientsin Press at 25 cents. The author narrates the events in detail, and produces in an appendix his reply to the official statement of the Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai—presumably Mr. Suzuki, though the official is not named. Mr. Suzuki has shown himself to be possessed of broad-minded views, but in this instance his explanation strikes one as inadequate. The Rev. Mr. MacKenzie states that the most that can be charged against the Koreans is that two or three joined some Chinese outlaws, which is no ground for visiting vengeance upon law-abiding members of the community. An outline is given of Tai-yu, the religion which the Japanese are seeking to impose upon the Koreans in the place of Christianity. The author also states that the Chinese have, not only passively but actively, co-operated in the persecution.

"Italy and the World War" (Chapman and Hall, 25s.) has for

its author Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, who was American Ambassador to the Quirinal from 1918. His evidence is valuable both as to the political developments preceding Italy's intervention and upon the successive phases of her campaign. In connection with the ruinous effects of discontent in the ranks, and its consummation at Caporetto, he mentions a report subsequently current "that Codorna had such implicit confidence in his men that he discouraged persistently any complaints of them, and that any officer who reported lack of loyalty in troops under his command was likely to find himself relieved and sent to Libya, or at least transferred to some other command." Of Italy's broad service to the Alliance, Mr. Page observes that "with her half-million dead and her million and a half wounded, with the deprivation, hardships and sacrifices of her whole people, unmeasured by anything similar among her Western Allies, she needs to have presented and made known only the simple truth." Italy's sacrifices were truly great; yet was this comparison necessary?—even if correct.

Mr. B. W. Matz, whose work in connection with all things associated with Dickens is well known, has severed his connection with Messrs. Chapman and Hall, and is about to join forces with one of the younger publishers, Mr. Cecil Palmer. Mr. Matz, besides being the first editor of "The Odd Volumes," edited the Dickensian from its foundation in 1905, and has continually exerted himself to foster interest in the great novelist's personality and works. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Ridgwell McCullum, the well-known novelist.

## Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Friday again, children. What shall our lesson be to-night? Ships? Why ships, Peter? Because they're sometimes on the rocks? Ah, but vessels are not alone in that respect. You saw in the photograph the waves breaking over the boat? Is that so? Now children, can any of you give me a sentence with "breaking" in the past tense? Yes, Cissie?

"Tootsie broke all out into chickenpox the other day?" Ah, very good. Now who can give me an instance converting this verb into a noun? What! No one? Well, we'll take that for our lesson to-night. Look at this picture and repeat slowly after me.



OH, SEE THE MAN.

DOES HE NOT LOOK PROS-

PER-IOUS?

YES IN-DEED, ALL THINGS

AT-PEAR TO BE COM-ING

HIS WAY.

WHAT IS HE CON-SID-ER-

ING?

HE IS PON-DER-ING OVER

THE RATE AT WHICH HE

WILL PRE-SENTLY GO TO

THE BANK.

WHAT KIND OF BUS-I-NESS

IS HE EN-GAGED IN?

HE IS A BROKER.

WHAT ARE THE THINGS HE

BREAKS?

OH, THE MAN BREAKS

MANY THINGS.

DOES HE BREAK INTO

'HOUSES'?

NO, HE CAN GET MONEY

MUCH EASIER THAN

THAT.

WHAT IS HIS PRIN-CIP-AL

SOURCE OF REVENUE?

HE MAKES MON-AY FROM

CLIENTS, AND BY NON-IN-

TER-FER-ENCE ON THE

PART OF THE GOV-ERN-

MENT.

WHY DOES THE MAN

BREAK HIS CLIENTS?

BECAUSE THEY ARE MOST-

LY SUCKERS AND IN

ORDER TO PROVIDE HIM-

SELF WITH HIGH POWER-

ED RICKSHAWS.

DOES HE BREAK ANYTHING

WITH THESE VER-ICLES?

YES, HE AS OFTEN AS NOT BREAKS THE SPEED LIM-IT AND THE TRAF-FIC REG-ULATIONS.

IS HE NOT A VERY PUSH-ING MAN?

NO, HE IS PUSHED BY OTHERS—IM-PET-US IS GIVEN TO HIS MOVE-MENTS BY THREE STAL-WART COOLIES.

THEN HE IS NOT A FOR-WARD MAN?

OH, NO, EXCEPTING WHEN HE DEALS IN FOR-WARD TRANS-ACTIONS.

WHY DOES HE ADVANCE SO FAR?

HE DOES SO IN ORDER TO BREAK HIS CLIENTS THAT HE MAY PROVIDE HIM-SELF WITH YELLOW DIAMONDS AND A RET-IRING ALLOW-ANCE IN EARLY LIFE.

HAVE HIS CLIENTS GOT MONEY THEN?

NO, ALL HIS CLIENTS HAVE GOT AFTER THE BROKER. IS FINISHED WITH HIM, IS HOPE.

CAN THEY SELL HOPE? NO, HOPE IS ABOUT AS TANG-IBLE AS THE SHARES HIS CLIENTS SOMETIMES BUY.

IS THE BROKER A FAMILY MAN?

YES, AT TIMES HE GETS THE BABY TO HOLD, BUT THAT IS NOT OFTEN.

MAY WE NOT ALL BE BROKERS?

NO, WE CAN-NOT ALL BE SO FORTUNATE. A SUCCES-SFUL BROKER REQUIRES A VERY HARD NECK, A MEN-DA-CIOUS DIS-POSITION, AN OFFICE AND SEVERAL ASSISTANTS.

OH, OTHER PEOPLE WORK FOR HIM THEN?

YES, ALL HE DOES IS TO RAKE IN THE GOLDEN SHEKELS AND LOOK AFTER THE FRE-TRADE OF THE COLONY.

PRETTY SOFT, IS IT NOT?

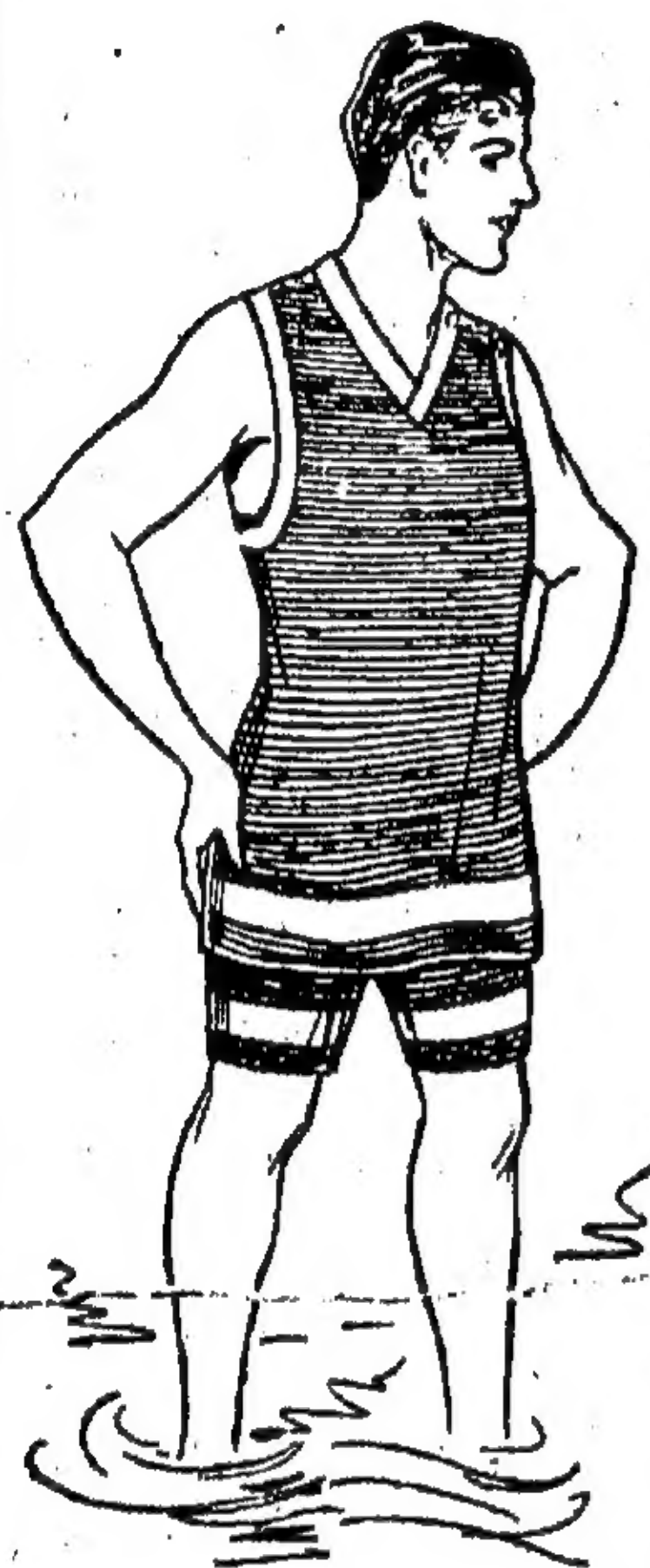
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## An Objectionable Clause.

The proposed increase of stamp duties which will form the principal subject of discussion at the forthcoming Legislative Council meeting, when the second reading of the bill will be taken, has received the serious attention of the Law Society, which, we are given to understand, is actively engaged in considering the new Bill, with a view to presenting amendments at the Council meeting.

A prominent legal man, whom our representative interviewed yesterday, said the increase of duties will not affect the legal profession very much, except where it is concerned under section 21 which stipulates that

ad valorem stamp duties are to be paid on the agreement for sale and purchase of properties and not on the conveyance. The Attorney General had said that the object of this was to prevent the evasion of duty, but no one could see how that could be so if it was to be paid on the conveyance as here before, neither could anyone see what additional safeguard to prevent evasion would be given by making ad valorem duty payable on all agreements. The Law Society was going carefully into the matter, and unless this new idea of stamping ad valorem agreements were abandoned it would be found to be unworkable in practice and would cause untold inconvenience on all intending purchasers, with the result that an adverse effect will be caused to the property market in Hongkong.

EX-SERVICE MEN IN  
HONGKONG.Branch of the British  
Legion Formed.

A large and representative gathering of ex-service men took place last evening in the R. A. Theatre, Victoria Barracks, in response to a general invitation which had been issued by the General Officer Commanding (Major General Sir George Kirkpatrick, K.C.M.G.) to consider the desirability of forming an ex-service men's organisation in the Colony. Among those present were noticed many of the Colony's prominent residents who saw service in the late war and supporting the G.O.C. on the platform were H.E. Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, K.C.M.G., Brigadier-General McNaughten and many others of late naval and military rank.

In outlining the objects of the meeting, His Excellency the G.O.C. first thanked those present for the cordial way in which they had accepted his invitation and apologised for the unavoidable postponement of the originally convened meeting. He went on to say that ever since he had been in Hongkong he had been convinced that there was an opening and a need for an organisation of all those Britons who served in the war and who are now in civil life. From the point of view of the regular soldier they missed such an association very much. They all had common memories, they had remembrances of comrades who had fallen and they had recollections of strenuous days, and they all had glorious memories of successes and victory. It would be a pity if they allowed those memories to grow dim, especially in a far away part of the world like Hongkong where they were a comparatively small body of Britons confronting circumstances and possibilities which no man could foretell and which, in these days, had a knack of coming quickly and when least expected. One of his difficulties at the time was that there were several organisations of ex-service already in the field and he did not know which of those organisations had branches or members in Hongkong and China. Fortunately he had received about three weeks ago a letter from London telling him about the Unity movement which was under the personal direction of Field Marshal Lord Douglas Haig. He had circulated some papers about that, and it would be seen that the present position was that the three great ex-service organisations at Home were being combined under the name of the British Legion. It seemed to him that that name expressed very well their needs and aspirations in a place like Hongkong and provided an opportunity to embrace all men who might be members of the three institutions he had named—the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors, Comrades of the Great War, and the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers and of the Officers Association. Therefore, he had ventured to ask them there that night to put the matter before them and he hoped that if they would like to organise in some such body that a commencement would be made. They had as their objects the continuance of their comradeship and they had the great purpose of mutual help. They all wanted help, guidance and assistance at some time or other. They had a very great need for keeping in touch with each other by social gatherings. All those objects could be furthered by an association of that nature. As at Home the association would be absolutely non-political, non-sectarian and democratic right through, open to all who served their King and Country, open to all who had earned their country's gratitude and who now desired to keep alive the associations and recollections of the times when they were serving together. If that proposal commended itself to those present he hoped they would take the first step, that of electing a Committee or body to get the organisation started. They would have to decide whether they would form a branch of the British Legion which was now becoming an Empire organisation and be at one with it in its aims and objects and in its powers of assistance to comrades who needed it. In conclusion His Excellency stated that he had received several letters regretting inability to attend and also promises from those who would be willing to assist the organisation.

Major-General McNaughten, having stated that he thought the whole position had been made clear, formally proposed that a branch of the British Legion be formed in Hongkong.

Lieut.-Col. Bird seconded and on being put to the vote the motion was unanimously carried.

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## THE CORONET

H.E. explained that it would have to be left to a General Committee to draft the constitution, draw up rules, etc., and he asked for nominations.

Lieut.-Col. Bird read out several names of those who were willing to serve, and eventually the meeting agreed to the election of Messrs Conn, T. G. Brayfield, F. C. Hall, Major L. Cassel, Messrs R. A. Green, T. W. Hill, R. Lapsley, James, Young, Dr. Black, Messrs H. K. Holmes, W. Murdoch, Dr. Allan, Mr. Bell-Irving, Sergt. Booker (H.K.P.), and Lieut.-Col. Bird.

Those present were then invited to fill in forms signifying their willingness to join.

Discussion having been invited, Brig.-General McNaughten said that there were many in Hongkong who could not join the Volunteers but who, in case of emergency, could be of the greatest service to the General, the Police or any other body. He thought that if some plan could be adopted those men could be formed into a small unit and could be issued with rifles and a bandolier and could be given a common assembly point at which they could rally in the case of a sudden emergency. He thought that suggestion might be considered. He also made the suggestion that a Reserve of Officers should be formed. Many of them had a good deal of experience and would be of tremendous use in case of mobilisation or partial mobilisation. He hoped those matters would be considered by the Executive.

H. E. the G.O.C. said that the first proposal would have to be very carefully considered and would probably have to be referred to a higher authority before it could be done, especially on a large scale. In connection with the branch of the British Legion just formed they would possibly have a Rifle Club, but he hoped that nothing would be done which would stand in the way of recruiting for the Volunteers. They would have to be very careful in that direction. As regards an Officers' Reserve that proposal was entirely after his own heart, and if such a proposal went through that Reserve would have to be thrown open not only to those who held His Majesty's commission during the war but to all who held the necessary qualifications. It would have to be a very democratic body. He took that opportunity of saying that whilst their organisation was forming the help of the South China Command would be

given with the greatest freedom and to the fullest possible extent. (Applause). He expected to be going North in about two weeks' time and he hoped that before he left matters would be sufficiently advanced so that he could tell the people in the North of what Hongkong had done.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, in proposing a vote to thanks to Major General Sir George Kirkpatrick for presiding and taking the initiative in the movement, said that the co-operation between the two services during the war was one of the most wonderful things the world had ever seen and on behalf of the Navy he very cordially endorsed the proposal. He hoped the Hongkong branch of the British Legion would be a great success. He was sure it ought to be. If a combined picture could be made of the war experiences of those gathered together that night, what an extraordinary thing it would be? It would be a catastrophe if they allowed their associations and recollections to be forgotten. He believed the association could be of immense good in keeping them together socially, especially in a place like Hongkong.

The vote was seconded by Mr Lewis and carried with acclamation.

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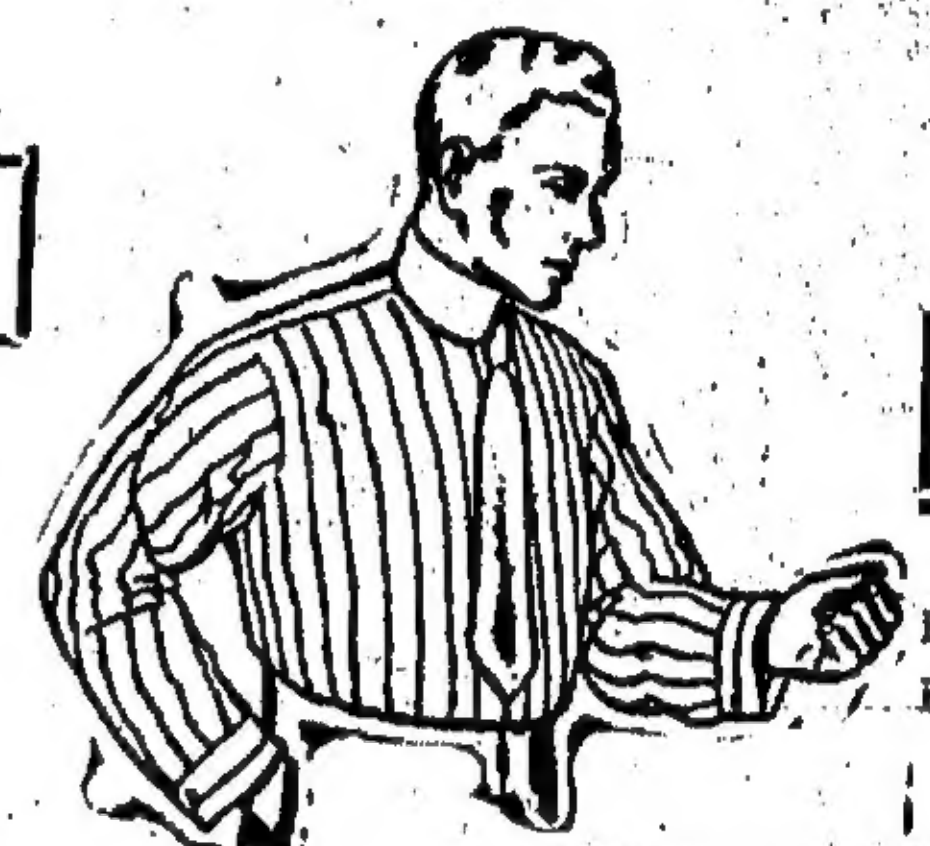
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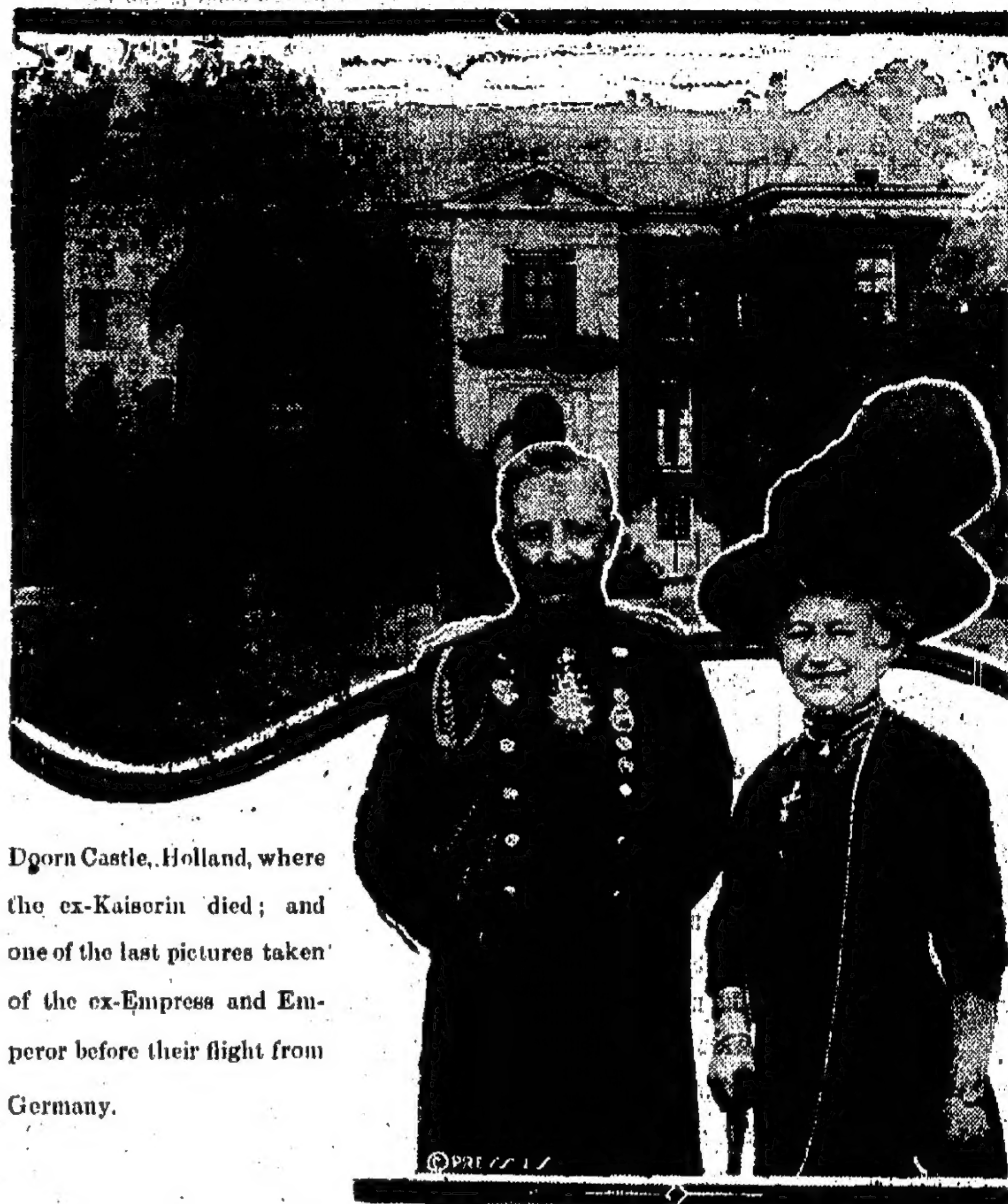
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## CAMERA NEWS



On right, above, is Mrs. Yvette Andrews, who accompanies the "Missing Link" Expedition to Asia as colour photographer; on upper left, Mongol caravan, such as the searchers will use in hunt for "missing link"; below, North China bighorn sheep, fast becoming extinct.



Dgorn Castle, Holland, where the ex-Kaiserin died; and one of the last pictures taken of the ex-Empress and Emperor before their flight from Germany.



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Above are two daughters of Elinor Glyn, author of "Three Weeks." Juliet (left) has just been wedded to Sir Rhys Williams, and Margot is soon to marry Sir Edward Davson.

## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

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MANAGER,  
Hongkong.

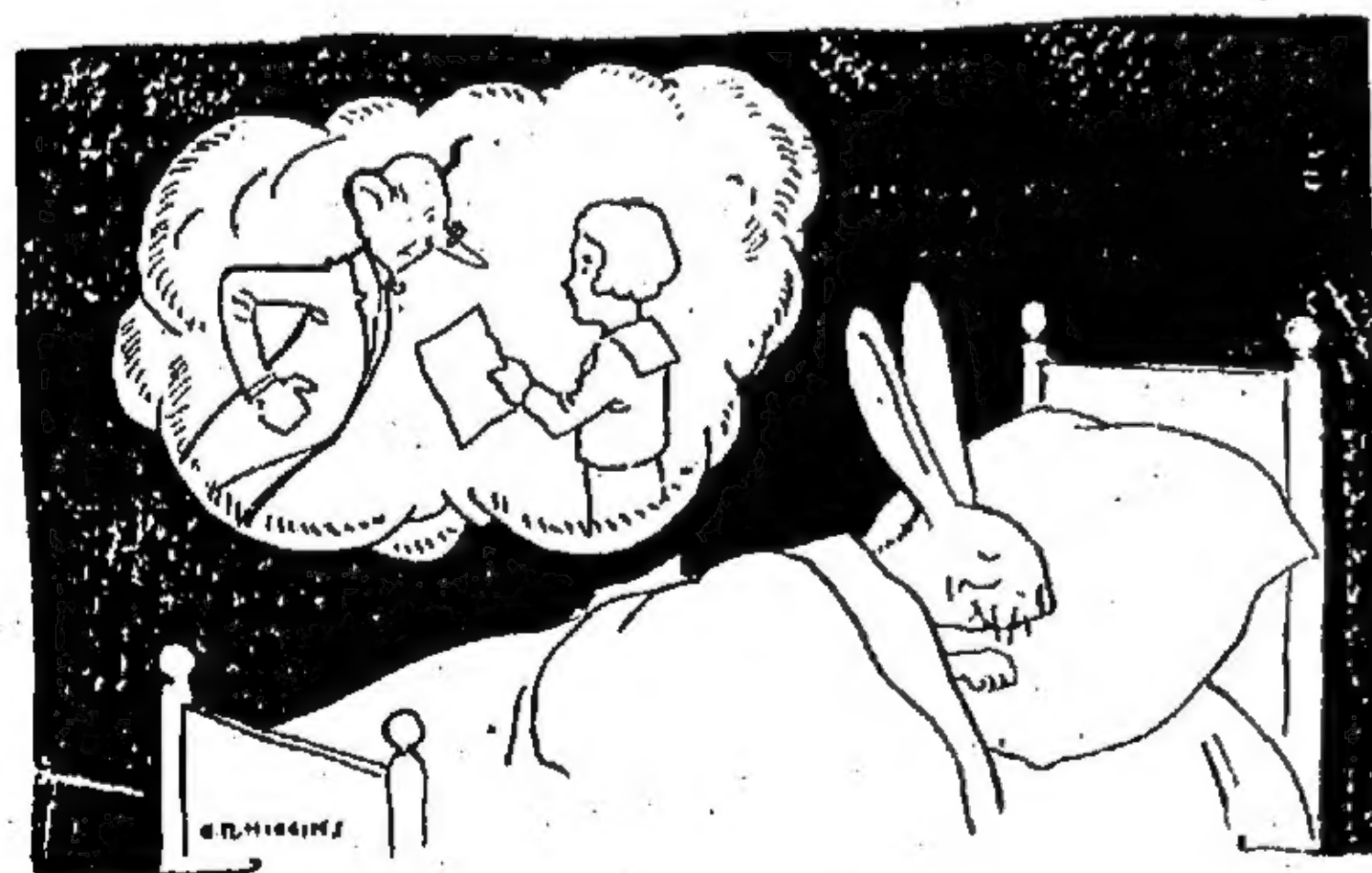
## LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER.

## ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS.

## CUTIE COTTONTAIL'S LUCK.

Mrs. Cottontail pulled at her apron nervously when Dr. Mink announced that her son, Cutie, had a severe case of "disinclination" and couldn't go to school at all. "I thought it was something awful," she said, rolling her eyes at her cousin, Mrs. Bunny. "He's never acted like this before."

Under the covers Cutie was having a conniption fit, which needn't alarm you, as that really isn't a fit at all, but only a state of mind. For you may as well know now as later, that Cutie wasn't any more sick than Solomon Grundy was on Monday, although they say he died on Saturday or Sunday, I forget which. Cutie was ever so pleased to hear Dr. Mink give his disease a name a mile long, so



He could imagine Nick giving his report in the morning

that if Mr. Scribble Scratch, the master of Meadow Grove school were to send Nick, the truant-officer after him, to find out why he was absent, Nick would have something impressive to report. "Disinclination! Didn't it sound grand, though! That ought to be good for about a week's vacation. So much better than just a cold, or mumps, or a bilious spell. He could imagine Nick giving his report to Mr. Scribble Scratch in the morning."

"Cutie Cottontail is very ill with 'disinclination' and Dr. Mink thinks he must not try to come to school for some time." Then Nancy, Nick's twin, you know, and Scribble Scratch's helper, would gather up his books and ruler and pencils and put them away, and the fairman would mark "excused" after his name in the roll-book, and there wouldn't be any trouble about anything at all. He turned over in bed with a satisfied grunt, but suddenly something that Dr. Mink was saying caused the smile on his face to fade completely.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

## PORT INTELLIGENCE.

The following shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:—

Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring
Amakusa Maru	A. S. K.	Sentow	C. S. K. Wharf.
Tamara	B. and S.	Manila	Q. 36
Theresa	B. and S.	Dalry	A. 6
Wakasa Maru	N. Y. K.	Kobe	K. Wharf.
Carnarvonshire	J. M. & Co.	Shanghai	A. 3
Prometheus	Karsten	Swatow	C. 45

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure
Nichirin Maru	M. B. K.	Hongkong	21st April.
Haru Maru	Dodwell	Chingwangtao	
Tientsin	B. & S.	Shanghai	
Chim	A. P. C.	Tarakan	
Eburne	A. P. C.	Balibap	
Crosskey	Admiral	Kobe	
Yei Maru	M. B. K.	Hongkong	
Kumang	J. M. & Co.	Shanghai	

## Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
Hwah Ping	C. A. M. S. S.	Australia	22nd April
Carnarvonshire	J. M. & Co.	London	22nd
Yuenwang	J. M. & Co.	Manila	22nd
Hailong	D. L. Co.	Poochow	22nd
Wuhu	B. & S.	Shanghai	22nd
Kumang	J. M. & Co.	Kobe	22nd
Kaifong	B. & S.	Haiphong	23rd
Wakasa M.	N. Y. K.	Bombay	23rd
Trieste	D. L. Co.	Brindisi	24th
Singapore	B. & S.	Tientsin	24th
Hangchow	J. M. & Co.	Shanghai	24th
Chihpa	B. & S.	Singapore	24th
Tamara	B. & S.	Hilo	25th
West Jan	S. & D.	Lak Angeles & Frieco	25th
Elpenor	B. & S.	London	25th
Awa M.	Admiral Line	Portland	26th
Montague	J. M. & Co.	Swatow	26th
Kuomeng	S. & D.	Seattle & Vancouver	26th
West Jessup	B. & S.	Pukow	26th
Szechuen	B. & S.	Tientsin	26th
Kueichow	B. & S.	London	26th
Devanha	P. & O.	Swatow	26th
Tungshing	J. M. & Co.	Poochow	26th
Hailong	B. & S.	Bangkok	26th
Chengta	J. M. & Co.	Calcutta	26th
Kwaiyang	J. M. & Co.	Japan	27th
Japan	P. & O.	Japan	27th
Malacca Maru	N. Y. K.	Sundaland	27th
Hsinang	J. M. & Co.	Haiphong	27th
Takong	J. M. & Co.	San Francisco	27th
Shinwa Maru	N. Y. K.	Japan	27th
Lima M.	N. Y. K.	Japan	27th
City of Dunkirk	Bank Line	New York	27th

## Impending Arrivals.

(Supplied by our Advertisers.)

Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Wakasa M.	N. Y. K.	Kobe	22nd April
Benlader	Gibb, L. & Co.	Europe	23rd
Awa M.	N. Y. K.	Singapore	24th
Elpenor	N. Y. K.	Shanghai	24th
Atsuta Maru	Admiral Line	Manila	26th
Montague	Admiral Line	Saigon	26th
Malacca M.	N. Y. K.	Singapore	26th
Inaba Maru	N. Y. K.	Kobe	26th
Hector	B. & S.	Suez	1st May
Wenatchee	Admiral Line	Shanghai	9th
Glengyle	J. M. & Co.	Europe	12th
Bowen Castle	Barber Line	New York	12th
Shidzuka M.	N. Y. K.	London	12th
Abercrombie	Admiral Line	Shanghai	22nd
Edmore	Admiral Line	Shanghai	23rd
Kaga Maru	N. Y. K.	London	25th

## Consignees Diary.

(Compiled from our Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Goods Stored	Free Storage Expires	Claims to be in by	Examination Date
Melville Dollar	R. D. Co.	Kowloon	April 23	May 16	April 19
Kaoyang	Bank Line	Kowloon	April 25	May 7	Tues. & Fri.
Mulpan	Ad. Line	Hou Shan	April 25	May 18	April 22
Glendora	J. M. & Co.	Kowloon	April 27	May 11	Tues. & Fri.
Demodocus	B. & S.	Kowloon	April 26	May 11	April 27
Alcor	J. C. J. L.	Kowloon	April 29	May 1	April 28

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Telegraphic Communication with Cap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted. Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 5 p.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe via Suez (Letters & Newspapers)	Benlader	23rd April.
London 24th March	Awa Maru	24th
Straits	Changsha	25th
Australia & Manila	Atsuta	27th
Swatow	Soochow	28th
Shanghai	Malacca Maru	28th
Straits	Inaba Maru	28th
Japan & Shanghai		28th

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Wei Hai Wei, Chefoo, Tientsin	Chipping	Satur., 23 inst., 5 p.m.
Shanghai & North China	Hoihow	Satur., 23 inst., 11 a.m.
"Swatow," "Shanghai" & "North China"	Hangsang	Satur., 23 inst., 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pukow & Haiphong	Kaifong	Satur., 23 inst., 9 a.m.
Shanghai & North China	Suiyang	Satur., 23 inst., 5 p.m.
Straits, "Bangkok," Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay & Aden	Wakasa Maru	Satur., 23 inst., 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Keelung	Methuen	Sun., 24 inst., 9 a.m.
"Swatow," "Straits" & "Bangkok"	Amakusa Maru	Sun., 24 inst., 9 a.m.
Java, & Port Moresby via Sourabaya	Chinhuu	Sun., 24 inst., 9 a.m.
"Swatow," "Shanghai" & "N. China"	Taikoo Maru	Mon., 25 inst., 3 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Tungshing	Mon., 25 inst., 5 p.m.
Straits, "Bangkok," Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & "Europe" via Suez	Kwong Eng	Mon., 25 inst., 5 p.m.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan, Honolulu	Elpenor	Mon., 25 inst., 1.45 p.m.
U.S.A. Central & South America & "Europe" via San Francisco	Golden State	Mon., 25 inst., 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China	Szechuen	Tues., 26 inst., 11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta & Aden	Kwaiyang	Tues., 26 inst., 2 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Chengta	Tues., 26 inst., 9 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei, Chefoo & Tientsin	Kueichow	Tues., 26 inst., 3 p.m.
Swatow Amoy and Poochow	Hailong	Tues., 26 inst., 2 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden Egypt, & Europe via Suez	Devanha	Tues., 26 inst., 2.45 p.m.
The Parcel Mail will be closed at noon Tuesday, 26th inst.		
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.		

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Reserve Funds, 7,796,023.00

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New York Bankers:—The Irving National Bank.  
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits.  
Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.  
Loans granted on approved securities.  
Special facilities for Home Exchange.

Interest on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—  
For 3 months 3% per annum  
For 6 months 4% per annum  
For 12 months 5% per annum

TSUYEE PEI  
Manager.

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HEAD OFFICE: No. 2, Queen's Road Central, HONGKONG.  
Established 1910.

Paid-up Capital, \$2,000,000.00  
Reserve Fund, \$500,000.00

DIRECTORS: Mr. Pong Wai Ting, Chairman.  
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Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Mok Ching Hong.  
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Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of Two per cent. per annum, and on Savings Accounts Four per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—  
For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum  
For 6 months at the rate of 4% per annum  
For 12 months at the rate of 5% per annum  
KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, October 1st 1920.

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Hankow Branch: Russian Concession.  
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SERVICE PROMPT.  
Current, Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear Interest at Rates 2%, 4%, 5%, respectively.  
J. USING LY,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 7th July, 1919.

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General Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Loans granted on approved securities.  
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.  
The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.  
S. C. LAU, Chief Manager.

## BANKS.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.  
Paid-up Capital, \$1,000,000.  
Reserve Funds:—  
Sterling, £2,500,000.  
Silver, \$21,500,000.  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1920.

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Rules may be obtained on application.  
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum monthly balance of \$10 per annum. For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

A. O. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £25,000,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £25,000,000.  
PROPRIETORS, £25,000,000.  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.  
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1914.

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LOOK POON SHAN,  
Chief Manager.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

G. HASHIZUME,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1921.

## INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS: U.S. \$10,000,000.  
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All descriptions of banking business transacted.  
Interest allowed on current accounts and fixed deposits in local or foreign currencies at rates to be ascertained on application.

GEORGE HUGHES,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th May 1921.

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Hongkong Manager: Mr. I. P. Allen.

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L. S. HOLM,  
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Hongkong, 2nd October, 1920.

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Empress of Japan	July 13	Aug. 3
Empress of Asia	July 21	Aug. 8
Monteagle	Aug. 23	Sept. 16
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Edmore	(Freight only)	May 24.	July 10.
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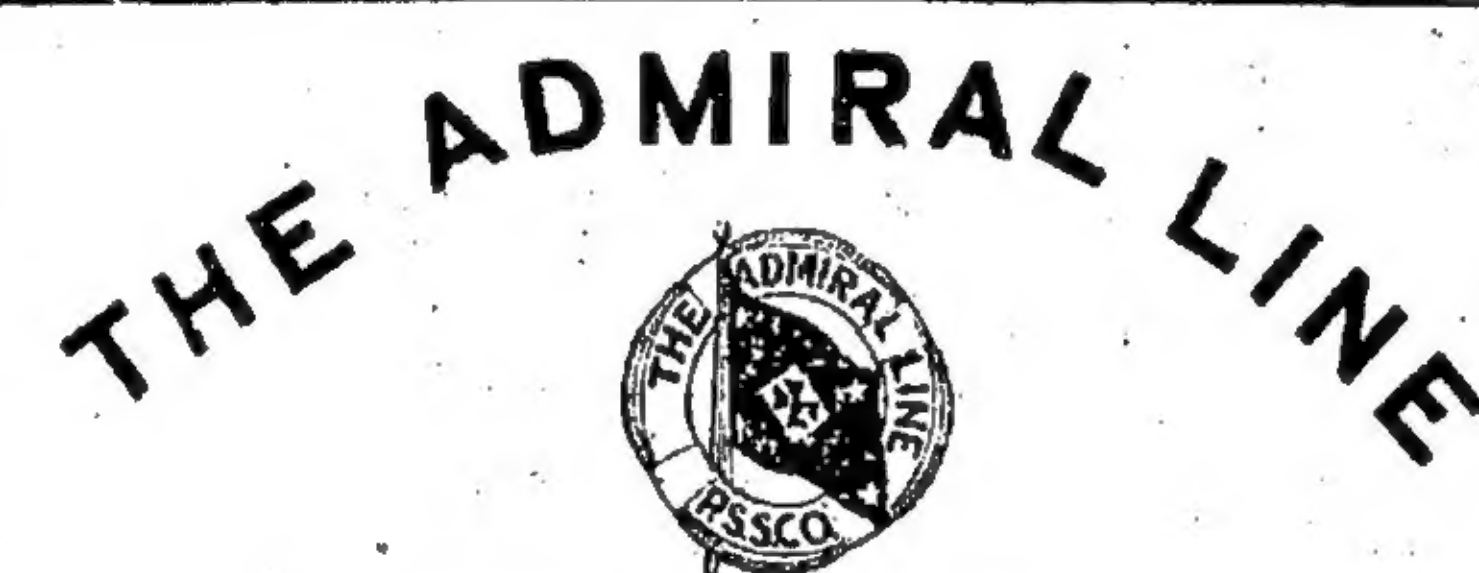
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Abercos	...	For Manila	May 23.
Abercos	Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	...	June 2.

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Kobe.  
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Gaendako, from Osaka.  
Soken, from Omata.  
Young Size Esq. 94 Hollywood  
Road, 1st floor, from Amoy.  
Thongyak, from Shanghai.  
Seewesong, from Amoy.  
Manwoo, from Shanghai.  
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Chengsinam, 53 Connaught  
Road Central, from Shanghai.  
Loman 16 Morrison Gap Road,  
from Shanghai.  
Kwongtong, from Shanghai.  
Yeuntitfu Great Eastern Hotel,  
from Shanghai.  
Ngochowfu Deinghurnhwoke  
Siyan Street, from Tokio.

TH. KRING.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 21, 1921.

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Asanoaondo, from Taipei.  
Billey Hongkong Hotel, from  
Shanghai.  
Brande Care Taggart Kremlin,  
from Manila.  
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Jessie Hughes Statesbank, from  
Hanoi.  
Sauton Passenger Amazone  
care of Messagerie, from Manila.  
Tyree, from Perthwa.

M. E. F. AIREY,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 14, 1921.

## CLYDE SHIPBUILDING RECORD.

Clyde shipbuilding returns for  
February constitute a record in  
tonnage. There were launched  
twenty vessels aggregating 83,278  
tons, making twenty-nine vessels  
of a total of 97,628 tons for the  
first two months of this year.  
The outlook, however, is gloomy,  
as few new contracts are an-  
nounced.

## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

YANGTZE ENGINEERING  
WORKS:

The work of installing a new  
furnace at the Hankow plant of  
the Yangtze Engineering Works  
has been completed. The  
capacity of the furnace is excep-  
tionally large and it will add  
much to the present efficiency of  
the plant.

## SHANGHAI SHARE MARKET.

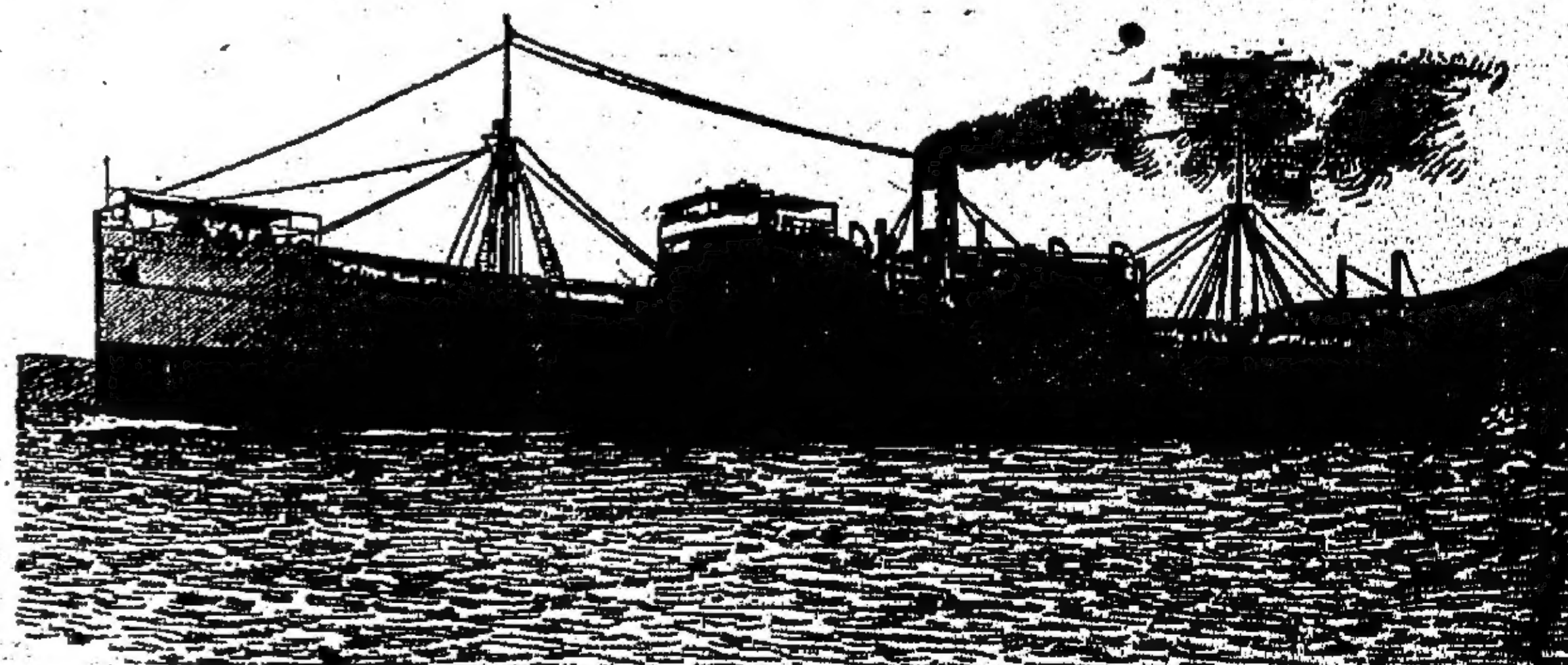
Messrs. A. L. Anderson and Co.  
Shanghai, in their circular dated  
9th inst., state:—Business has  
been a little quieter during the  
week just terminated, spots of  
brightness, however, being found  
in Doeks, Trams and Sumatras.  
Cottons hardly changed rates,  
although a few shares changed  
hands. Rubbers are quite in-  
active. Debentures:—A few lines  
of the better known issues were  
dealt in, but the prices were not  
made public. The terms of the  
Municipal Loan, mentioned in  
our last, will be announced, it is  
expected, about 20th inst. Hong-  
kong and Shanghai Bank.—The  
extraordinary meeting to sanction  
the increase of capital from  
twenty to fifty million dollars  
will take place on 28th proximo,  
in Hongkong. It is pro-  
posed to make an issue  
immediately thereafter of 40,000  
new Shares of face value of \$125  
at an upset price of \$70. The new  
shares are to be offered in the  
proportion of one new for three  
old, and payment is to be made  
of half the cost on 1st July next  
and the balance on 1st October  
following. Doeks and Engineer-  
ings.—Shanghai after a fall to  
138 sellers have recovered to  
142 1/2 buyers. New Engineerings  
ex the Preference issue and rights  
to new shares have improved  
from 14 to 15 1/2, the latter figure  
being equivalent of 14, 26 before  
the Shares were "exod." We  
remind clients that the new issue  
of ordinary shares must be paid  
for not later than 15th instant.  
Industrials.—Shanghai Sumatras  
achieved a further rise to 125  
sales and buyers. Rubbers.—  
Repairs, The Annual Meeting  
is to take place on 20th instant;  
accounts not yet to hand. Shanghai  
Klebangs.—The Annual Meeting  
is advertised to take place on 15th  
instant. The profit for the year  
is shown as Tel. 12,952.13 and  
with the amount brought forward  
from the previous year gives the  
sum of Tel. 20,597.68 which it is  
proposed to deal with by writing  
off Tel. 6,414.40 from various  
accounts and carrying forward  
Tel. 14,183.28. Taipings.—The  
Annual Meeting is to be held on  
20th instant; accounts not yet to  
hand. Zianbes.—The meeting is  
called for the 18th instant. After  
writing off the sum of Guilders  
19,702.44 there remains the sum  
of Tel. 18,055.99 which the  
Directors recommend to be carried  
forward. Miscellaneous.—Cultys  
are wanted at 9 1/2, Trams rose to  
105, Gas sold at 25 and are wanted,  
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S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
DEVENHA	8,000	27th Apr.	London & Antwerp.
SOUDAN	7,000	29th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
DILWARA	5,378	9th May	Spore, Colombo & B'bay.
NAGOYA	7,000	13th May	M'les, London & Antwerp.

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

JAPAN	6,000	27th Apr.	Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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## EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

KANOWNA	7,000	6th May	Molbourne via Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
ST. ALBANS	5,000	25th May	

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JAPAN	6,000	27th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
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KATORI MARU... Friday, 17th June, at 11 a.m.

LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said & Marseilles.

INABA MARU... Friday, 29th April, at 11 a.m.

KAMO MARU... Friday, 13th May, at 11 a.m.

IYO MARU... Friday, 27th May, at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, LONDON, HULL & ROTTERDAM.

MAISUYE MARU... Friday, 29th April.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.

MELBOURNE & SYDNEY via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

AKI MARU... Tuesday, 17th May, at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU... Tuesday, 21st June, at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

YAMAGATA MARU... Middle of May.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

KAWACHI MARU... Beginning of May.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

WAKASA MARU... Saturday, 23rd April.

HAHARA MARU... Tuesday, 3rd May.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOSA MARU... Thursday, 6th May.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TANGO MARU... Tuesday, 17th May, at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AWA MARU... Monday, 25th April.

LIMA MARU... Tuesday, 27th April.

MALACCA MARU... Wednesday, 27th April.

ATSUMI MARU... Thursday, 28th April, at 11 a.m.

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Tjisalak	Java	loading	30th Apr.	Java
Tjihiwang	Java	28th Apr.	3rd May	Shanghai
Tjikini	Java	8th May	11th May	Shanghai
Tjibeboet	Java	8th May	12th May	Japan
Tjisondari	San Francisco	8th May	12th May	Java

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SHANGHAI via Swatow	Hangsang	Sun., 24th Apr. at	d'light.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Kwongeng	Tues., 26th Apr. at	d'light.
S'hai & T'au via S'tow	Tungshing	Tues., 26th Apr. at	d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kwaisang	Tues., 26th Apr. at	3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Taksang	Wed., 27th Apr. at	10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Wed., 27th Apr. at	noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Wingsang	Thur., 28th Apr. at	d'light.
SHANGHAI	Hopsang	Fri., 29th Apr. at	d'light.

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Suiyang	24th Apr. at d'light.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Chinhwa	24th Apr. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, M'LA, CEBU & FILO	Taming	25th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Chenglu	26th Apr. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, SHAI & PUKOW	Szechuen	26th Apr. at noon.
W'WEI, CHEFOO & TTSIN	Kueichow	26th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Soochow	28th Apr. at noon.
W'WEI, CHEFOO & TTSIN	Huichow	28th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Chenan	30th Apr. at noon.

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S.S. "Macassar Maru" sailing on or about 10th May.  
S.S. "Samarang Maru" sailing end of May.

FOR JAPAN.

Ports of call:—Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.

S.S. "Samarang Maru" sailing on or about 30th April.  
S.S. "Borneo Maru" sailing on or about 8th May.

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Manager.

No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

SHIPPING NEWS.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.  
Notice is given that the master of the wooden steamship Hsientien reports that his vessel foundered at sea in 13 fathoms of water on the 9th April, about 12 to 14 of a mile S. 13° E., true, from the lighthouse on High Lamock Island.

N. Y. K. CARGO.

The N. Y. K. steamship Suwa Maru states the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, is bringing to that port silk valued at \$3,500,000. Record time will be made in transferring the silk to a special train which will run to New York in 100 hours. Advices received from the Orient reported that the Mitsui steamship Azumasan Maru, which will load a part cargo at New York, has been ordered to call at Seattle to have the balance of her cargo space filled. She will load several hundred thousand feet of lumber at Seattle.

MERCHANT SERVICE LEAGUE.

CALLS CONFERENCE.  
"Reduction of wages of ships' officers and crews is to be resisted by the British Merchant Service League, who are calling a conference on the question. Reductions suggested by the shipowners would mean that officers would have £4 10s. a month less than they are now receiving, and catering staff £5 10s. less. Seamen, under the new proposals, would receive a unit of £10 a month, whereas they have been getting high rates up to the present. There is a possibility, therefore, of the "cuts" resulting in a stern fight, although the position is complicated by the fact that a good deal of tonnage is now laid up."—Home Journal.

ACTIVITY AT SEATTLE.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce states:—Revival of the cargo market between Puget Sound and Far Eastern ports is being indicated by the immense amount of freight which is moving to the Orient aboard the carriers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. When the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kashima Maru, which has been loading on the sound for the past two weeks, sailed for Yokohama from the Great Northern terminal, she took 9,000 tons of steel, cotton, lumber, machinery and other general merchandise for discharge at Chinese and Japanese ports. The Tokushima Maru of the same fleet which left Seattle for the Orient, after loading 1000 tons of cargo at Vancouver, had 9000 tons of freight also. The freighter Tajima Maru, Capt. K. Takana, in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha service, arrived at Seattle with a part cargo of Oriental freight, including three cars of raw and manufactured silks.

THE "NODAL DRIVE."

Speaking of inventions, says the *Spen and Shipping*, there comes from Belfast the interesting story of the experience of Messrs. Workman, Clark & Co., Limited, with the double-reduction geared turbine steamer Melmore Head, which that firm built and engaged in 1918 for the Ulster Steamship Company, Limited. The Melmore Head is a vessel of 5,319 tons gross and 8,300 tons dw., with three turbines geared to a single shaft and developing 2,600 s.h.p. She was one of the first vessels fitted with double reduction geared turbines, and, in common with many later ships built in different centres, she developed rapid wear and flaking of the toothed gear, as a result of the hammering action which was set up. The firm, however, made an exhaustive study of the whole subject, and came to the conclusion that the trouble was caused by torsional vibration. Having discovered this, they set themselves to the task of devising methods for overcoming the difficulty, and ultimately they designed and patented a device now known as the "Nodal Drive," which neutralises the effect of the torsional vibration by producing a "node," or point of no vibration, at the gearing, instead of at an intermediate point between the gearing and the propeller. They also made new gearing to take the place of the original, but before this was fitted on board they had completed their experiments, and instead of taking out all the worn gearing and replacing it completely with a new set, they installed the "Nodal Drive," on one pinion shaft, after which the vessel went on a voyage to America. This round voyage was completed with such satisfactory results that a full installation of the "Nodal Drive" was fitted on both the pinion shafts. The vessel is now ready for service.

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(By "Je N'y Pense.")

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No people more delightful ways,  
You win (almost) the highest praise,  
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All day and half the night you work,  
Nor try your promises to shirk,  
As would the wily Greek or Turk,  
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Then you, with unalloyed delight,  
Will gamble till the morning light,  
Bursts through the jealous shut tight,  
Chinaman divine!

If we should toil the livelong day,  
Then gamble half the night away,  
We'd soon reside beneath the clay,  
Chinaman divine!

Yet there's a habit, all agree,  
Which mars your sweet simplicity,  
And makes us shun your company,  
Chinaman divine!

Spitting, spitting all the day,  
At home and on the King's highway,  
Spitting at work, spitting at play,  
Chinaman divine!

If on your junk you chance to be,  
You swell the volume of the sea,  
By spitting in the ocean free,  
Chinaman divine!

On shore no sooner do you thrust  
Your foot than it appears you must  
Do all you can to lay the dust,  
Chinaman divine!

In thronging market, crowded street,  
Regardless of your neighbours' feet,  
Equally careless whom you meet,  
Chinaman divine!

If you some better warning found  
Before, with brief and raucous sound,  
You scatter your bacilli round,  
Chinaman divine!

Then we could lightly step aside  
And gladly give you space more wide,  
While you relieve your poor inside,  
Chinaman divine!

The ferry is a fruitful source,  
There's nothing else to do, of course,  
But spit as you wend your way across,  
Chinaman divine!

If you would give up this one vice  
You might indulge the others twice,  
Double your garlic with your rice,  
Chinaman divine!

'T would add so much to your great charm,  
If we could pass without alarm,  
Nor fear expectorated harm,  
Chinaman divine!

In virtues you surpass us far,  
But this vile habit tends to mar  
Your almost blameless character,  
Chinaman divine!

To put the matter straight and plain,  
You spoil the road, the street, the lane,  
With all this artificial rain,  
Chinaman divine!

You spoil the tram, you spoil the train,  
So now, we beg you once again,  
Praying we shall not plead in vain,  
Do, kindly, once for all, refrain!  
Chinaman divine!

## EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 1).

## SELLING.

T/T	2/6
Demand	2/6 1/2
30 d/s	
4 m/s	2/6 1/2
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	108 1/2
T/T Japan	101 1/2
T/T India	190 1/2
Demand, India	
T/T San Francisco	49 1/2
& New York	
T/T Java	141
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	6.90
Demand, Paris	

## BUYING.

4 m/s, L/C	2/7 3/4
4 m/s, D/P	2/8 1/4
6 m/s, L/C	2/8 1/2
30 d/s, Sydney and Melbourne	2/9 3/4
30 d/s, San Francisco & New York	53
4 m/s, Marks	Nom.
4 m/s, France	7.50
6 m/s, France	7.70
Demand, Germany	
Demand, New York	49 1/2
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	190 1/2
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	190 1/2
On Yokohama	101 1/2
Demand, Manila	108 1/2
Demand, Singapore	108 1/2
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	
On Bangkok	83 3/4
Sovereign	Nom. 7.75
Gold leaf per Toal	48.40
Bar Silver, ready	34 1/2
forward	34 1/8
Bank of England rates	7
New York/London	3.93

## SUBSIDIARY COINS.

H'kong 50 cts. pieces	par.
10	1/2
5	1/2
Canton subcoins	14.3
Hongkong April 22, 1921.	

## TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

## OFFICIAL PRICES.

Banks			
H.K. & S. Bank	s.	840	
East Asia	n.	124	
Marine Insurance			
Cantons	n.	440	
North China	n.	153	
Union	b. 260 sa. & s. 265		
Yanetsee	n.	25 1/2	
Far Eastern	b.	25	
Fire Insurance			
China Fire	n.	116	
H.K. Fire	n.	325	
Shipping			
Englases	b.	61	
H.K. Steamboats	n.	27	
Indos (Pref.)	b.	33	
Indo Def. Lon/Reg.	b.	287 1/2	
Indo Def. H.K. Reg.	b.	275	
Shells	b. 105, s. 110		
Ferries	n.	34 1/2	
Refineries			
Sukrab	sa.	240	
Malabon	n.	55	
Mining			
Kailans	b.	95	
Langkats			
Shanghai Loans	n.	13	
S'hai Explorations			
Raub	b.	75 cts.	
Tronohs	n.	24 1/2	
Ural Caspians	n.	15 1/2	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, & H.K. Wharves	n.	100	
K. Docks	b. 209 sa. 208/10		
H.K. Docks	sa.	143	
N. Engineerings	n.	15 1/4	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings			
Centrals	b.	137	
H.K. Hotels	b.	172	
H.K. Lands	b. 176 1/2 sa. 175/178		
H'phreys Est.	s.	12	
K'loon Lands	b.	35	
L. Reclamation	b.	123	
West Points	b.	62	
Cotton Mills			
Ewos	b.	390	
Kung Yiks	b.	39	
Lau Kung Mows			
Orientalis	b.	15 1/4	
S'hai Cottons	b.	128	
Yangtzeapoos	b.	24 1/2	
Miscellaneous			
Coments	b. 14.90 sa. 14.70		
Do. Light old s.	12 1/2		
China Light new n.	11 1/4		
China Providents n.	11 1/2		
Dairy Farms	n.	30	
Electric H.K.	n.	22 1/4	
Electric Macao n.	30		
Hongkong Ropes b. & sa.	26		
Hk. Tramways	b.	11 1/2	
Peak Trams, old b.	9		
Do. new b.	1		
Steam Laundries n.	7 3/4		
Steel Foundries b.	8		
Water-boats n.	16 1/4		
Watsons	n.	8	
Wm. Powells	b.	20	
Wisemans	b.	52	

Hongkong, April 22, 1921.

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## METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day		on date.	
at 2 p.m.		at 6 a.m.	
Barometer	29.92	29.96	29.97
Temperature	74	72	76
Humidity	75	89	79
Wind Direction	E.	E.	E.
Wind Force	3	2	3
Weather	c	o	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open air			
Temperature on the 21st	76		
Lowest open air			
Temperature on the 22nd	71		

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H. K. Observatory, April 22.

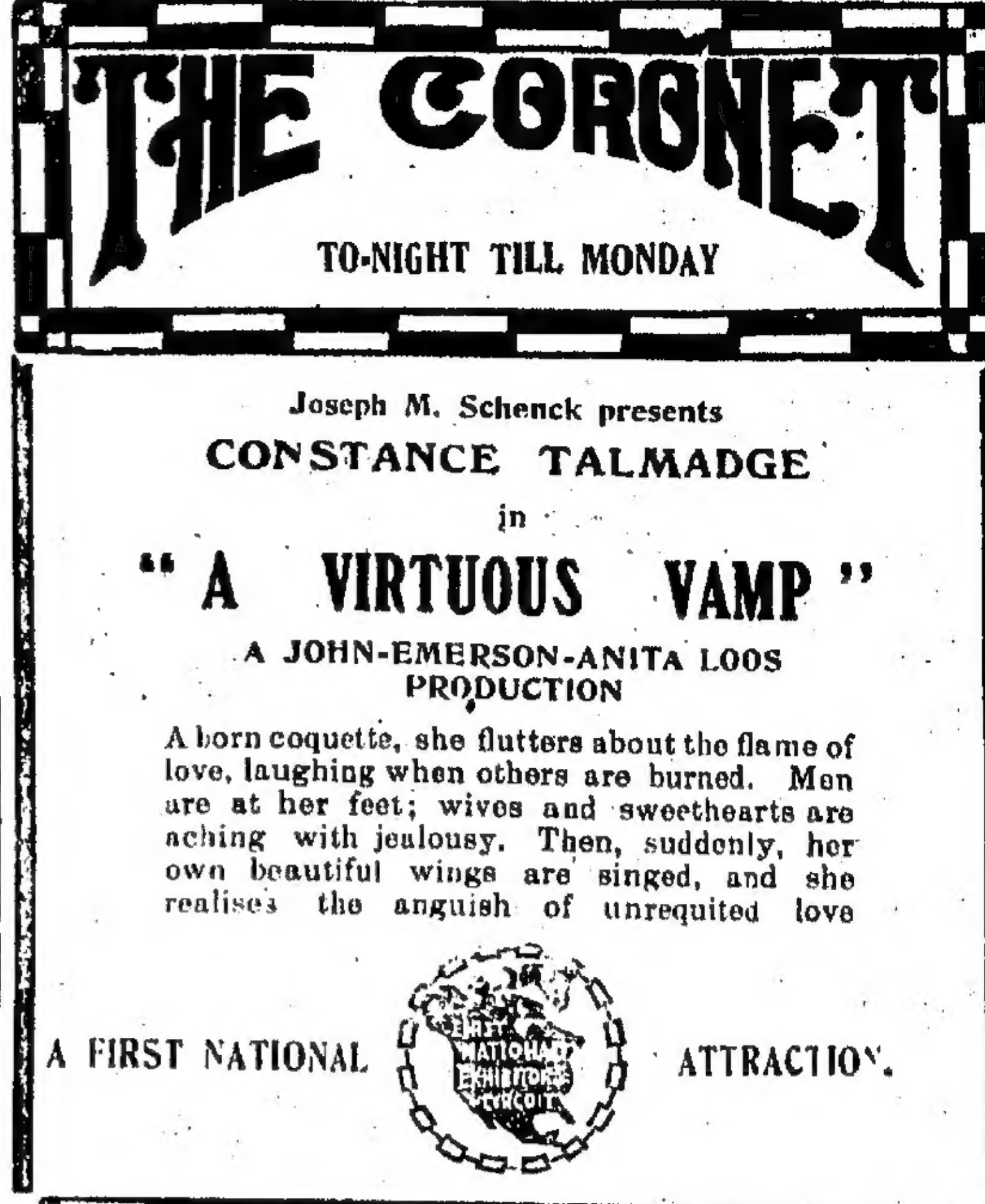
## TIDE TABLE.

18th to 24th April, 1921.

Day of Month		High Water		Low Water	
Mean Time		Mean Time		Mean Time	
Apr. 18	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
19	7 44	5.4	1 10	1.6	
20	7 48	6.1	1 34	2.6	
21	8 36	6.0	2 19	2.7	
22	9 27	5.9	3 11	1.5	
23	10 17	6.0	4 03	2.2	
24	11 06	6.2	4 54	1.1	
25	11 55	6.3	5 46	0.8	
26	12 44	6.4	6 38	0.5	

m morning, a afternoon

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## TIME TABLE.

## WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m.	to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 min
8.00	to 9.30 a.m.	10 min
9.30	to 10.30 a.m.	15 min
10.30	to 12.30 p.m.	15 min
12.30	to 2.30 p.m.	15 min
2.30	to 3.30 p.m.	15 min
3.30	to 4.30 p.m.	15 min

## NIGHT CARS.

8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. 10 minutes  
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 20 minutes  
11.45 p.m.

## SATURDAYS.

EX-TRA CAR 12.00 midnight.

## SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.	to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 min
8.30	to 10.30 a.m.	10 min
10.30	to 11.00 a.m.	15 min
11.30	to 12.00 noon	10 min
12.30	to 1.00 p.m.	10 min
1.00 p.m.	to 2.30 p.m.	15 min
2.30	to 3.30 p.m.	15 min
3.30	to 4.30 p.m.	15 min
4.30	to 5.30 p.m.	10 min

## NIGHT CARS.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

## PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

April 22d. 12h. 09 n.—Pressure has decreased slightly at Waihai-wei and Shanghai, and increased slightly at the majority of other stations. The anticyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido, and a depression appears to be approaching Shanghai from the west.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.84 inches, against an average of 9.82 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap	E. winds, moderate; fair.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamocks.	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan.	The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H.K. Observatory, April 22, 1921.

## TIME SIGNALS.

The time ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. only.

The ball is hoisted half mast at the 55th minute and full mast at the 57th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time, it will be lowered at five minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour, if possible.

Should the time ball be out of order the above routine will be carried out with the flag "Z", on the storm signal mast.

Time signals are also given at night by means of three white lamps mounted vertically on the Observatory wireless mast. From 8h. 56m. 0s. to 9h. 0m. 0s. p.m. the lamps are extinguished momentarily at the even seconds, except at the 2nd, 28th, 50th, 52nd, and 54th of each minute.

The hours refer to Hongkong Standard Time (8 hours of east Greenwich).